Zoonotic Disease/Adverse Health Events Report from Wyoming Regional Veterinary Public Health Coordinators For Week Ending 10/18/2013

Non Animal Bite Events and Rabies PEP Administration

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Matthew Cherni, DVM- Region 1 (Sheridan, Johnson, Campbell, Crook, Weston)

Sheridan County- A human *Campylobacter* sp. case where there was a history of exposure to a variety of animals as well as other exposures is being investigated.

Richard Schwahn, DVM- Region 2 (Natrona, Converse, Niobrara)

Natrona County- A human *Salmonella poona* case where there was exposure to a pet turtle is being investigated.

David Evertson, DVM- Region 3 (Carbon, Albany)

Carbon County- A human *Campylobacter* sp. case where there was a history of exposure to a dog and cat as well as other exposures is being investigated.

Paul Jensen, DVM, MPH- Region 4 (Sweetwater, Lincoln, Uinta)

Nothing to Report

Jim Summers, DVM- Region 5 (Fremont, Sublette, Teton, WRIR)

Fremont County- A veterinarian reported on an ill puppy with signs suggestive of rabies. The dog will be euthanized and sent for testing at WSVL.

Teton County- A case of neurologic equine herpes virus type 1 (not zoonotic) was reported.

Tim Graham, DVM- Region 6 (Park, Hot Springs, YNP, Big Horn, Washakie)

Big Horn County- A veterinarian reported four cases of strangles (*Streptococcus equi ssp equi*) in horses, and illness in several dogs due to an unknown cause. One of the dogs had a history of eating chicken jerky treats from China.

Park County- A case of neurologic equine herpes virus type 1 (not zoonotic) was reported.

Gary Norwood, DVM- Region 7 (Laramie, Platte, Goshen, WAFB)

Nothing to Report

Animal Bite Incidents

Matthew Cherni, DVM- Region 1 (Sheridan, Johnson, Campbell, Crook, Weston)

Johnson County- The Buffalo Police Department/Animal Control reported a negative rabies test on a vaccinated dog that had bitten a child. The dog was euthanized after the incident.

Campbell County- The Campbell County Sheriff's Office/Animal Control reported five dog bite incidents. Four incidents involved bites to children. Three dogs had proof of current rabies vaccinations. Two of these dogs were home quarantined and one dog was euthanized after the incident. The three other unvaccinated dogs were shelter quarantined. Circumstances surrounding the incidents included two children bitten while hugging dogs, an individual bitten by a running-at-large dog, an individual bitten after entering into a dog's home domain, and an individual bitten while trying to assist an injured dog. A health care provider reported on an individual bitten by a dog. Additional information is pending.

Richard Schwahn, DVM- Region 2 (Natrona, Converse, Niobrara)

Natrona County- Metro Animal Shelter/Animal Control reported eight dog bite incidents. Three incidents involved bites to children. Four dogs had proof of current rabies vaccinations. Four dogs were of unknown vaccination status. Three dogs were shelter quarantined, two dogs were home quarantined, one dog was quarantined at a veterinary clinic, and two dogs were strays and could not be located after the incident. The individuals bitten by the strays were counseled regarding rabies PEP. Circumstances surrounding the incidents included four individuals bitten by running-at-large dogs, a child bitten after entering into a dog's home domain, an individual bitten during play, an individual bitten while breaking up a dog fight, and an individual bitten while picking up a stray dog. A health care provider reported on an individual bitten by an unspecified animal. Additional information is pending.

Converse County- A health care provider reported on an individual bitten by a squirrel. The squirrel was not located after the incident. PEP was not initiated.

David Evertson, DVM- Region 3 (Carbon, Albany)

Albany County- A health care provider reported on an individual bitten while breaking up a dog fight. Animal control information is pending.

Paul Jensen, DVM, MPH- Region 4 (Sweetwater, Lincoln, Uinta)

Nothing to Report

Jim Summers, DVM- Region 5 (Fremont, Sublette, Teton, WRIR)

Fremont County- A health care provider reported on an individual bitten by a dog. Additional information is pending.

Tim Graham, DVM- Region 6 (Park, Hot Springs, YNP, Big Horn, Washakie)

Big Horn County- A health care provider reported a negative rabies test on a squirrel that had bitten a child.

Gary Norwood, DVM- Region 7 (Laramie, Platte, Goshen, WAFB)

Laramie County- The City of Cheyenne and Laramie County Animal Control reported one cat bite incident and one dog bite incident. The cat, of unknown vaccination status, will be quarantined at a veterinary clinic. The vaccinated dog will be home quarantined.

http://www.health.wyo.gov/sho/hazards/wrvc.html

WSVL-Wyoming State Veterinary Laboratory
WPHL-Wyoming Public Health Laboratory
PFGE- Pulse Field Gel Electrophoresis
PEP-Rabies Post Exposure Prophylaxis