Zoonotic Disease/Adverse Health Events Report from Wyoming Regional Veterinary Public Health Coordinators For Week Ending 1/10/2014

Non Animal Bite Events and Rabies PEP Administration

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

Crook County-A health care provider reported initiating rabies PEP for an individual bitten by a stray cat.

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

Nothing to Report

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

Nothing to Report

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

Sweetwater County- A veterinarian reported a pigeon die off. Laboratory tests on a sample of the birds are pending.

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

Fremont County- Several cases of ringworm in cats were reported.

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

Nothing to Report

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- A health care provider reported on the home quarantine of a vaccinated dog that bit an individual.

Campbell County- the Gillette Police Department/Animal Control reported five animal bite incidents. Four of the incidents involved dog bites and one involved a cat bite. Three incidents involved bites to children. Three dogs were current on their rabies vaccinations and were home quarantined. The cat was too young to be vaccinated and was shelter quarantined. One unvaccinated dog was shelter quarantined at a veterinary clinic. Circumstances surrounding some of the incidents included one individual bitten while breaking up an animal fight, an individual bitten by a running at large dog, and two individuals bitten by dogs during play.

Richard Schwahn, DVM- Region 2 (Natrona, Converse, Niobrara)
Nothing to Report

David Evertson, DVM- Region 3 (Carbon, Albany)
Albany County- The Albany County Sheriff's Office/Animal Control reported on the home quarantine of two rabies vaccinated, but not current, dogs that were involved in an incident where a delivery person was bitten. The Laramie Police Department/Animal Control reported the home quarantine of a vaccinated dog that had bitten an individual. The bite victim had entered into the dog's home domain.

Paul Jensen, DVM, MPH- Region 4 (Sweetwater, Lincoln, Uinta)
Lincoln County- Health care providers reported two dog bite incidents. In one incident a child was bitten on the face. In the second incident an individual was bitten while breaking up an animal fight. Animal control information is pending.

Jim Summers, DVM- Region 5 (Fremont, Sublette, Teton, WRIR)
Fremont County- A health care provider reported on an individual with facial injuries after the individual was attacked by the family dog. The dog was shot after the incident. The bite victim refused rabies PEP.

Tim Graham, DVM- Region 6 (Park, Hot Springs, YNP, Big Horn, Washakie)
Park County- The Cody Police Department/Animal Control reported on the home quarantine of a vaccinated dog that bit an individual. The dog was running at large at the time of the incident.

Gary Norwood, DVM- Region 7 (Laramie, Platte, Goshen, WAFB)
Nothing to report

WGFD-Wyoming Game and Fish Department
WSVL-Wyoming State Veterinary Laboratory
WPHL-Wyoming Public Health Laboratory
PFGE- Pulse Field Gel Electrophoresis
PEP-Rabies Post Exposure Prophylaxis