Zoonotic Disease/Adverse Health Events Report from Wyoming Regional Veterinary Public Health Coordinators For Week Ending 1/17/2014

Non Animal Bite Events and Rabies PEP Administration

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

Campbell County- The Gillette Police Department/Animal Control reported on an individual that started rabies PEP after being bitten by a running at large dog. Attempts to locate the dog were not successful.

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)

Nothing to Report

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

Nothing to Report

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)

Campbell County- The Gillette Police Department/Animal Control reported fourteen animal bite incidents. Twelve of the incidents involved dog bites and two involved cat bites. Three incidents involved bites to children. Eight dogs were current on rabies vaccinations. Four dogs and two cats were not current on their rabies vaccinations or had an unknown vaccination status. Eight dogs were home quarantined. Four dogs and two cats were shelter quarantined. Circumstances surrounding some of the incidents included an individual bitten while jogging past a leashed dog, an individual bitten after entering into a dog's home domain, an individual bitten while riding a bike, three individuals bitten while breaking up animal fights, and three individuals bitten during play activities with pets.

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

Natrona County- A health care provider reported on an individual bitten by an unspecified animal. Additional information is pending.

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

Albany County- The Albany County Sheriff's Office/Animal Control reported three animal bite incidents. The incidents included one incident where an individual was bitten by a pet rat. No animal control action was taken. In the remaining two incidents individuals were bitten by unvaccinated dogs. Both dogs were home quarantined. In one incident the bite victim was bitten while attempting to give a dog a treat. In the second incident the bite victim was bitten while restraining the dog.

Carbon County- A health care provider reported on a child bitten on the face by a dog. Animal Control information is pending.

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

Sweetwater County- The Rock Springs Police Department/Animal Control reported on the shelter quarantine of a stray cat that had bitten an individual. The bite victim was attempting to catch the cat. The Green River Police Department/Animal Control reported on the home quarantine of a vaccinated dog that had bitten a child. The child was riding a scooter past the dog at the time of the incident. A health care provider reported on a child bitten by a running at large dog. Animal control information is pending.

Uinta County- The Evanston Animal Control Shelter reported on the home quarantine of a dog that had bitten a child. The bite victim was bitten while attempting to pet the dog.

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

Nothing to Report

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

Nothing to Report

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

Laramie County- The City of Cheyenne and Laramie County Animal Control reported nine animal bite incidents. Six of the incidents involved dog bites. Three incidents involved cat bites. Three of the incidents involved bites to children. Four of the dogs and two cats were current on vaccinations for rabies and were home quarantined. Two dogs and one cat had an unknown vaccination status. The cat and one dog were home quarantined. Information on one dog is pending. Circumstances surrounding some of the incidents included two individuals bitten while picking up animals, two individuals bitten while breaking up dog fights, and an individual bitten while attempting to make a delivery.

WGFD-Wyoming Game and Fish Department
WSVL-Wyoming State Veterinary Laboratory
WPHL-Wyoming Public Health Laboratory
PFGE- Pulse Field Gel Electrophoresis

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

PEP-Rabies Post Exposure Prophylaxis