

BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
February 10, 2009
DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

DEPARTMENT: Environmental Health

REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY:

- January 15, 2009, the Racine Health Department was notified by Countryside Humane Society of a complaint they received regarding Aquatic Oddities pet shop located at 1302 Grange Avenue in the City of Racine. Complaint alleged poor condition of several animals and possible dead animals on the premises. Arrangements were made with Humane Society personnel and Health department staff to conduct a joint inspection on Friday January 16th. At that time, the complaint was verified noting several dead reptiles, several reptiles with little or no water and insufficient food. The owner did cooperate and surrendered all animals and his pet shop license. The Humane Society worked with several rescue groups to place all animals. We are currently working with the City Attorney and the District Attorney to finalize charges.
- January 19, 2009 the Racine Health Department was notified of a bat bite that occurred in a bedroom of a residence. One individual was bitten. The bat was captured and euthanized on the same day. The bat was sent by health department staff to the State Lab of Hygiene rabies unit where it tested positive for the rabies virus. The victim was started on rabies prophylaxis and several household members are also undergoing treatment. An unvaccinated cat in the residence is quarantined for observation for a period of 180 days.

Productivity Measures:

Productivity Measures	Monthly	YTD
Housing Inspections (initial and follow-up)	101	101
Lead Inspections (initial)	4	4
Lead Inspections (follow-up)	73	73
Nuisance Animal Investigations	3	3
Animal Bites	1	1
Restaurant Inspections (initial and follow-up)	81	81
Restaurant Pre-Inspections (new food establishments)	2	2
New permits released	0	0
Work Site Health Promotions: Screenings/Workshops	0/1	0/1

Outcome Achievements:

- Two hundred and thirty (230) children tested for lead poisoning had blood lead levels between zero and nine ug/dL (0-9 ug/dL).
- Preliminary reports identify that ninety four (94) children were first tested for lead poisoning; one (1) had an elevated blood lead level (>9ug/dL), or 1.1%.
- Preliminary reports identify two hundred and thirty four (234) children as being tested for lead poisoning; four (4) had an elevated blood lead level (>9ug/dL), or 1.7 %.
- The number of 2009 city dog licenses obtained to date is two thousand three hundred and seventy eight (2,378).
- The number of 2009 cat licenses obtained to date is six hundred and eleven (611).
- Sixty seven (67) pet fanciers' permits have been issued in 2009.

MEETINGS/TRAINING
January 2009

Date	Staff	Meetings/Training	Purpose
1/6	M. Breheim	Racine Health Department	Continued the campaign for cold and flu prevention <i>Watch Your Sneeze Please!</i> Interviewed by WRJN for Sneeze on Sleeve (SOS) campaign
1/7	K. Hendricks	Parks and Recreation	Met with a contractor to research a new splash pad for the City of Racine
1/7	D. Mazius	Nutritional Design	Program development for Wellness program: Diabetes prevention and “Biggest Loser” weight loss program
1/8	D. Mazius M. Fernholz	CORE Wellness	Discuss 2009 wellness plans, city wellness program and incentives for employees
1/8	M. Fernholz	Countryside Humane Society	Special meeting to discuss animal control issues in the City of Racine and humane agent status
1/12	D. Mazius	21 st Century Preparatory School	Planning health fair for March. Discussion of incentive program.
1/12	M. Breheim	Partners Communication and Alerting Expert Panel teleconference	Discuss City Watch as the state’s new alerting system to replace Command Caller.
1/12	B. Carlson	Children’s Health Alliance	Meeting to discuss healthy housing conference for Southeastern Wisconsin
1/13	M. Breheim	Board of Health	Present 2008 communicable disease statistics.
1/14	D. Mazius	City Health insurance meeting	Review of the Willis Report – discussion regarding changes to the health insurance plan for all employees
1/15	M. Fernholz	Racine Loan Board	Review loan applications for City of Racine loan program and discuss housing issues
1/19	M. Breheim M. Fernholz	Tri-County Public Health Consortium	Tri-County Public Health Consortium Full Membership meeting
1/19	M. Breheim M. Fernholz	Tri-County Public Health Consortium	Tri-County Public Health Consortium BOD meeting
1/19	M. Breheim	Tri-County Public Health Consortium Objectives Committee	Discuss common grant objectives with local preparedness partners.
1/21	D. Mazius	Wheaton Franciscan Health Care – City County Health Center	Discussion of contract renewal
1/21	M. Breheim	Medical Reserve Corp	Discuss collaboration between the Medical Reserve Corp and local health departments during an emergency, with a focus on special needs children.

1/21	M. Fernholz	Countryside Humane Society	Meeting to discuss animal control issues in the City of Racine and the animal control contract for 2009
1/22	M. Breheim	Tri-County Public Health Consortium	Provide orientation to the new Tri-County Public Health Consortium coordinator
1/22	M. Breheim	Kenosha County Unified School District Emergency Operations Plan Tabletop Exercise	Observe Kenosha's school district exercise for similar planning and exercising for Racine Unified School District.
1/23	B. Carlson K. Marquez	Wheaton Franciscan Health Care – All Saints	Lead presentation to pediatricians and nurses regarding the lead program and testing rates
1/27	M. Breheim	Principles of Frontline Response to Agro-terrorism and Food Systems' Disasters	Learn how to define agro-terrorism and describe its potential impacts and public health's role in response.
1/28	M. Fernholz	City of Racine	Attend quarterly management team meeting to represent the health department
1/28	M. Breheim	Racine County Correctional Facilities' Disturbance Plans Update	Discuss public health's role in the disturbance plans for the correctional facilities in Racine County.
1/28	M. Fernholz	Volunteer Center of Racine	Discussion of Earth Day events for April 2009
1/28	K. Marquez M. Vasquez	Head Start	Hand washing presentation for 6 classrooms
1/29	M. Breheim M. Fernholz	United Professionals for Quality Health Care – Nurses and Health Professionals	Union negotiations
1/30	M. Breheim	Regional Health Literacy	Discuss results of surveys administered at local colleges regarding perceptions of how a person's health correlates with the ability to read/ and speak the English language.