

LEPTOSPIROSIS

What You Need to Know

Cases in dogs have been diagnosed in the Cheyenne area in 2023.

What is leptospirosis?

- A **bacterial** disease of domestic and wild animals and humans.
- Leptospirosis has been documented in all parts of the United States.



How is it spread?

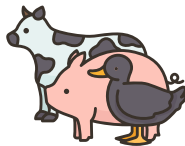
- Spread through the **urine of infected animals**.
- Water, soil, or objects (bowls, pools) become contaminated with urine from infected animals and spread the bacteria.



What dogs are at risk?

ALL DOGS ARE AT RISK FOR DISEASE.

- Any interactions with other dogs, livestock, rodents, or wildlife add **increased risk**.
- **Highest risk:** Dogs that visit boarding facilities, dog parks, hunt, or roam farm land.



What are symptoms in dogs?

- Inappetence, lethargy, **back pain**, **abdominal pain**, vomiting, or diarrhea.
- **Urinary tract infection** (more frequent urination, bloody urine)
- Severe cases can lead to **kidney or liver failure**.



Can humans get the disease?

- **Yes.** Humans can become infected with the bacteria in the same ways as dogs.
- **Contact a physician** if you are worried about a human case of leptospirosis.



How can it be prevented?

VACCINATE!



Recent cases have only been reported in non-vaccinated dogs.

- Rodent control
- Don't let dogs drink from standing water

