With continued funding from the CDC, the CFSPH is taking on new projects. We will continue to promote and support the bioterrorism awareness education materials and trainers, develop materials on agroterrorism agents; and develop a presentation targeted at human health professionals with information on how these diseases present in animals. We are also proud to announce that we expanded our staff by adding Dr. Danelle Bickett-Weddle, Dr. Glenda Dvorak, and Travis Engelhaupt as full time employees of the Center. Travis will design our materials and maintain our website while Danelle and Glenda will continue to develop content and programs. Two MPH students have received their degrees and we are currently recruiting and plan to add up to four new MPH students this fall.

**Monkeypox** has emerged in the United States and has caused fear and panic in our pet owning population. In all, 81 persons with suspected monkeypox have been reported in Wisconsin (34), Illinois (19), Indiana (26), and Ohio (2) as of June 14; at least 14 of the people have been hospitalized for their illness. Monkeypox has been confirmed by laboratory tests in nine persons. Fortunately there have been no deaths related to the outbreak, but case fatality data from an endemic area of Africa is between 1-10%. CDC has developed specific guidelines for veterinarians, so see their website. The number of cases and states involved in the outbreak will likely change.

**SARS**, or severe acute respiratory syndrome, has affected the health of over 8,400 people and led to almost 800 deaths in multiple countries. At the end of May, a Hong Kong researcher put forth the theory that the virus originated in butchers preparing civet cat meat for consumption. This theory has not been confirmed by the CDC, but many of your audiences may be asking questions about it. The meat from this endangered species is considered a delicacy in Southern China and its been banned from the market.

**BSE** was diagnosed in an 8-year-old Angus beef cow in Alberta Canada the end of May. All of her herd mates, progeny and genetic links have tested negative. The U.S. banned all imports from Canada immediately and will not reinstate them until it feels the crisis is over. Trainers should expect questions on BSE from audiences.

**Infectious Disease websites:**
- **Monkeypox** info [www.cdc.gov/ncidod/monkeypox/index](http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/monkeypox/index)
- **SARS** statistics [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)
- **Pro Med**, an email list serve that is sent out twice daily with the current statistics. To subscribe, go to [www.promedmail.org](http://www.promedmail.org) and click on the Subscribe/Unsubscribe link on the left of the screen. Choose Digest format to receive one email per day.

**Presentation Information**
52 presenters have given 155 presentations to colleagues and clients.
Talks have been given in 32 states and Puerto Rico.
Over 7000 people have been educated on bioterrorism in our country– thank you for all of your hard work!
Numerous newsletters, radio and television interviews, and a newspaper have written about the bioterrorism presentations.

**Request for Materials**
Public health departments and diagnostic laboratories from Arizona, Georgia, Iowa, South Carolina, Ohio, North Dakota have requested wall charts and notebooks.
Iowa, Vermont, and South Dakota have ordered personalized wall charts to distribute to their veterinarians.
Notebooks, CD’s and wall charts have been sent to veterinarians in Massachusetts, Kansas, New York, Hawaii, Connecticut, Michigan, Illinois, and Maryland.

“I was surprised at the responsiveness of this group” was very common when referring to high school groups, women’s clubs, and rotary clubs.

“The second time I gave this talk was much smoother.” Practicing pays off and like Amy Slagell taught us all in Florida, public speaking gets easier each time you do it.
Having trouble setting up your 6 presentations? Some of your colleagues have found the following to be good ways to get the word out:
- State Veterinary Medical Association Newsletters
- Producer/ Humane Society Newsletters
Presenting to the state VMA board
County Extension agents
High schools
4-H/ FFA groups
Public Health Departments
Hospitals/ Medical clinic

Thank you to the trainers who participated in the Audience Assessment Survey in April. Over 400 audience evaluations were received from six trainers: Kathleen Connell (WA), Tom Johnson (IA), Uford Madden (FL), Linda Muegel (SC), John Myers (OK), and Craig Stonesifer (DE). To date, preliminary data has been analyzed for the surveys received. Pre- and post-assessment data are being processed. The results of the 204 audience surveys are as follows:

38% percent were human health professionals (physicians, nurses, environmental health, emergency management and public health personnel) of which 72% had prior bioterrorism training.
21% of the audience were animal health professionals (veterinarians, veterinary technicians, wildlife rehabilitation and animal control) of which 38% had prior bioterrorism training.
Other audiences included livestock producers (18%), pet owners (13%) and university faculty or student (10%) audiences. 30 to 37% of these participants had prior bioterrorism training.
The most often listed sources of information about bioterrorism diseases or agents were television, the internet, and scientific or medical journals. The leading expert on bioterrorism and zoonotic agents were public health departments, veterinarians and governmental agents.
93% of the audiences felt their time was well spent and 89% would recommend this program to a friend or colleague.
Thank you again to the participating trainers. A complete analysis of the survey will be sent to all trainers when completed, sometime near the end of July.

Dr. James Strickland, one of our trainers from Georgia, was selected by the Georgia Department of Agriculture and the USDA Veterinary Services to serve as the Animal Industry Homeland Security Project Coordinator. Congratulations Dr. Strickland!

Dr. Edgardo Rivera, a trainer from Puerto Rico, has given 9 presentations thus far. We asked all of you to give six presentations, so if you also continue to do more than that, please continue to fax us your reports with feedback.
Do you have some news to share? We would love to include it in our next newsletter.

Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists, June 22-25 in Hartford, Connecticut. We will have a booth at the trade show and be presenting our bioterrorism information.
American Veterinary Medical Association, July 19-22 in Denver, Colorado, booth and presentation.
U.S. Animal Health Association/ American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians, October 11, San Diego, California where we will be holding a Train-the-Trainer session.
American Public Health Association, November 16-19, San Francisco, California, booth and presentation.
Western Veterinary Conference, February 15, 2004, Las Vegas, Nevada- another Train-the-Trainer session.