

Notification of positive HPAI results in captive wild mammals (UK)

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Details about HPAI H5N1 positive findings in a number of dead South American Bush Dogs at a zoological premises:

- These animals were tested as part of a routine investigation into an unusual mammal die-off that occurred over three months ago. Ten animals died or were euthanised in a group of fifteen bush dogs, over a nine day period in November 2022.
- The bush dogs had minimal clinical signs prior to death and we are unable to definitively state whether or not H5N1 caused the clinical signs. Influenza of avian origin was not suspected at the time, the virus has since been detected in post mortem samples.

Species	Latin name	Location	Date collected	Date of testing	Outcome
South American Bush dogs	Speothos venaticus venaticus	England	November 2022	8/03/23	10 X HPAIV H5N1