Notification of further positive HPAI results in wild mammalian species (UK)

(10 October 2023)

A positive HPAI result in samples from wild non-avian species, that we are reporting under Article 1.1.5.

The wild animal was found dead and sampled as part of wildlife scanning surveillance, with no suspicion of infection with HPAI at the time of collection.

Positive finding of HPAI H5N1 in an otter. The otter was found in County Durham on 16/01/2023. It was then transferred to Cardiff University, frozen since then and tested on 10/10/2023.

Species	Latin name	Location	Date collected	Date tested	Outcome
OTTER	*Lutra lutra*	County Durham	16/01/2023	10/10/2023	**1 X HPAIV H5N1**