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

(26 October 2023)

The wild animals were 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 otters.

1. The otter was found dead in Cumbria on 14/01/22. It was transferred to Cardiff University, frozen since then and subsequently tested on 20/10/2023.

2. The otter was found dead in Nottinghamshire on 23/05/22. It was transferred to Cardiff University, frozen since then and subsequently tested on 20/10/2023.

Species	Latin name	Location	Date collected	Date of testing	Outcome
OTTER	*Lutra lutra*	Cumbria	14/01/2022	20/10/2023	**1 X HPAIV H5N1**
OTTER	*Lutra lutra*	Nottinghamshire	23/05/2022	20/10/2023	**1 X HPAIV H5N1**