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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 16 October 2020 15:22
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: WIIS case W2018 - Golden eagle

[REDACTED]

Thank you for asking. Yes, of course, happy for you to share the information.

Welsh Government is a member of the Raptor Persecution Priority Delivery Group and one of the aims of that group is to raise awareness. If you share the information about the lead shot found please make it clear this was not a contributory factor in her death, but is evidence of historical persecution.

[REDACTED] has been in touch asking for the body to be returned to him. I've informed him that APHA's policy, for disease control, is a one way system.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, October 16, 2020 1:59:57 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: WIIS case W2018 - Golden eagle

[REDACTED]

Thank you for the further information.

The programme we made which featured the eagle was broadcast by the BBC who put out a news report about her death. I have been asked to update them with post-mortem findings. Would it be okay to share your initial email about the PM results with them?

Best wishes,

[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, 15 October, 2020 20: 19
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: WIIS case W2018 - Golden eagle

[REDACTED]

I think in this case the golden eagle died from natural causes. A mix of being elderly and having aspergillosis, being in poor body condition not having fed recently. We don't know why this is, but things like lack of food availability, being unable to hunt due to poor weather can all play a part.

Testing for lead showed background exposure only.

Rodenticide testing has not been carried out yet and will take some time to get these results back. Through findings of the WIIS where testing for rodenticides is carried out on birds of prey, it is usual to find rodenticides as background exposure only.

Regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 09 October 2020 10:43

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: WIIS case W2018 - Golden eagle

[REDACTED]

Thank you so much for remembering to come back to me with the results. Whilst it's saddening to hear that the eagle had an historical pellet, I am relieved to hear that you don't think she died as a result of foul play.

My understanding of aspergillosis, is that it is very likely to have a systematic affect without an immunocompromised state. Is it not possible that the eagle may have been immunocompromised by long-term poisoning such as from lead or rodenticides?

Best wishes,

[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, 7 October, 2020 07:38

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: WIIS case W2018 - Golden eagle

[REDACTED]

Yesterday I sent you through the PM findings for cause of death of the golden eagle, basically natural causes.

I just wanted to let you know that during the post mortem a pellet was found in the leg of the bird. Although it did not contribute to the cause of death and it was historic, wound having healed, it is evidence of potential previous persecution.

Kind regards

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