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28/amd	APHA Ref. No.	28-B0021-05-22
	Date Received	05/05/2022
Submission details as supplied by the customer	Sender's Ref.	HLP - 012743 W/22/14
Welsh Government (Aberystwyth)	Previous Ref	Not Given
Wildlife Management Unit	Owner	Not Given
Rhodfa Padarn	CPHH	Not Given
Llanbadarn Fawr	Date of Sampling	04/05/2022
Aberystwyth	Case Vet	██████████
Ceredigion	Species / Breed	Kite / Red Kite
SY23 3UR	Sex / Age	Unknown / Adult
Email: Wildlife@gov.wales ;	Samples	Animal Presented Dead x 1
██████████	Animal IDs	SN31████49████
CC: wuis@fera.co.uk ; wildlifediseases@apha.gov.uk	Sub. Reason	Project (VLA or Other)

REPORT 1 (PRELIMINARY)

The test result applies to the sample as received. A sub-sample of the item may have been tested where appropriate.

Wildlife Incident Investigation Scheme - APHA Report on samples received and examination performed.
Regional incident N° W/22/14.

HISTORY

A dead red kite was found on farmland in a field next to the Penbontbren Hotel SA44 6PE on 11/04/2022. The bird was found by a local farmer. The farmer believed the bird may have been shot as there was blood on the breast but no gun shot wound was noted. The bird was collected and stored in WG freezer in Aberystwyth and delivered to APHA Carmarthen VIC by TopSpeed on 05/05/2022.

Samples were taken for Avian Influenza testing, and no Influenza viral RNA was detected. On receipt of results, a postmortem examination was performed on 13/05/2022.

GENERAL OBSERVATIONS

The red kite was inside a clear bag sealed in a clear evidence bag, labelled R01583432 Exhibit no. JT/1, Property ref – BA/106848/22 Red Kite Bird. Field near Penbontbren Hotel Glynarthen SA44 6PE

Identification	Sex	Body Condition	Degree of Autolysis	Submitted Live/Dead/Frozen
Red Kite	F	Good	Moderate	Frozen

The charge for this laboratory work is **£0.00** plus VAT if applicable. This will be included in your monthly statement.

Service Charge Code(s):

Additional Service Code(s) performed: TC0575 x 1, TC0691 x 2

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NECROPSY FINDINGS

Skin and subcutis: Loss of feathers ventral breast to vent. Circular hole in skin about 2mm diameter distal to keel to the right of the midline. Circular hole in skin on dorsum, medial to the left hip about 2mm diameter.

Abdominal Cavity: Very large blood clot about 5cm diameter in the peritoneal cavity, caudal to the liver. Large blood clot about 3cm diameter adjacent to right kidney and small amount of free blood in the peritoneal cavity.

Alimentary system: Proventriculus and gizzard were empty and there were scant intestinal contents.

Urinary system: Right kidney dark red and haemorrhagic.

Reproductive system: Developing ova present.

Other organ systems examined were unremarkable. The endocrine system was not examined.

LABORATORY FINDINGS

Virology

Sample	Influenza PCR Overall Result
Red Kite (Cloacal Swab)	No Influenza A viral RNA detected

COMMENTS

The female red kite was in good body condition though had not recently eaten.

The presence of 2 penetrating holes in the skin with significant and likely fatal internal haemorrhage is suggestive of being shot. No pellets were detected in the carcass to confirm this.

Please let us know if you would like samples to be submitted for toxicology.

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<http://apha.defra.gov.uk/postcode/pme.asp>

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