

## WILDLIFE INCIDENT REPORT

INCIDENT NUMBER 90/18  
PART OF STUDY FSGD-209  
REGIONAL NUMBER W/18/29  
OTHER REFERENCES 28/B0075/11/18  
SENDER VLA Carmarthen  
LOCATION [REDACTED]  
Denbighshire  
GRID REFERENCE [REDACTED]  
INCIDENT DATE 3 October 2018  
SUSPECTED CAUSE OF INCIDENT starvation  
DATE OF REPORT 26 February 2019

REPORTING OFFICER [REDACTED]

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### NUMBERS AND SPECIES INVOLVED

1 buzzard

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Samples received			Date received	Sample identifier
99246	buzzard		4/12/18	28-B0075-11-18
99246	buzzard	tissues	4/12/18	28-B0075-11-18

### Summary of field data

A dead buzzard was found in a field where sheep were grazing. The carcass was not near to a road and there were no obvious signs of an injury. The finder is also a veterinary surgeon and he considered that the bird was an adult, but it appeared to be a bit thin. There was concern that the bird may have been poisoned, particularly as there is land used for a shoot nearby.

### Summary of post mortem report

A male buzzard that weighed 636 grams with an emaciated body condition and a severe degree of autolysis was submitted for post-mortem. The bird was emaciated with no fat seen in the carcass. The stomachs were empty. It was concluded that this buzzard was emaciated and its stomachs were empty.

### Analysis : rodenticide analysis suite

99246	liver	difenacoum	confirmed	0.002	mg/kg
99246	liver	bromadiolone	confirmed	0.002	mg/kg

### Conclusion

It was suspected that this buzzard had been poisoned. Given the post-mortem findings, laboratory analysis for a range of anticoagulant rodenticides only has been undertaken on the submitted samples. These tests have detected and confirmed a small residue of bromadiolone and difenacoum in the liver of this buzzard. However, given the amount found this residue is consistent with exposure only and is not considered to be the cause of death of this buzzard. Therefore, given these findings it is likely that this buzzard has died from starvation.