

WILDLIFE INCIDENT UNIT

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WILDLIFE INCIDENT REPORT

INCIDENT NUMBER 74/17
PART OF STUDY FSGD-209
REGIONAL NUMBER W/17/11
OTHER REFERENCES 28/M0168/09/17

SENDER

LOCATION Pendine
Carmarthenshire

GRID REFERENCE SN2308

INCIDENT DATE 20 September 2017

SUSPECTED CAUSE OF INCIDENT traffic accident

DATE OF REPORT 15 May 2018

REPORTING OFFICER [REDACTED]
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NUMBERS AND SPECIES INVOLVED
1 badger

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Summary of field data

A dead badger was found on some land and there was no external evidence of injury. The finder reported the carcass to the Police and they contacted Welsh Government. The RSPCA visited the area and they arranged for the carcass to be X-rayed at a private veterinary practice. There was no evidence of shot, or broken bones or fractures found and there were no other obvious signs of injury, although the carcass was quite decomposed. There were allegations that a local farmer had been reported for blocking badger setts and so the carcass was delivered to the APHA for further examination.

Summary of post mortem report

A male badger in good bodily condition and moderate autolysis was submitted frozen. The skin and subcutis was covered in fly eggs and small maggots. In the abdominal cavity there was serosanguinous fluid and a large blood clot present that was attached to the mesentery. There was a grey meal type material and fibre present in the stomach. Gross examination of the rest of the carcass did not reveal any significant abnormality, but the endocrine and genital systems were not examined.

Conclusion

This report is for information only. Initially it was suspected that this badger had been poisoned. However, a post-mortem has revealed findings consistent with a road traffic accident as the cause of death of this badger, due to the large blood clot that was present in the abdomen. Therefore, no samples were forwarded to the Wildlife Incident Unit for laboratory tests.