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**APHA Ref. No. 26-B0162-07-18**



**Sender's Ref.** [Redacted]  
**Date Received** 19/07/2018  
**Date of Sampling** 18/07/2018  
**Species / Breed** Duck / Mallard Duck  
**Sex / Age** Female / Adult  
**Samples** Animal Presented Dead x 1  
**Sub. Reason** Diagnostic Casework

**REPORT 1 (PRELIMINARY)**

**HISTORY**

A caller reported approximately 20 mixed species dead birds at Victoria Park, Smethwick, B66 3QB.

**GENERAL OBSERVATIONS**

Identification	Sex	Weight (kgs)	Body Condition	Degree of Autolysis	Submitted Live/Dead/Frozen
Mallard Duck	Female	1.7kg	Poor	Severe	Dead

**NECROPSY FINDINGS**

The bird was severely autolysed and there were large numbers of maggots present across the carcass and within the abdominal cavity, therefore a full postmortem examination was not carried out. Swabs were taken for testing for Avian Influenza.

**WORK IN PROGRESS**

Matrix (M) gene RRT-PCR - screening test for M gene of all influenza A viruses x 2

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Veterinary Investigation Officer

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Authorised for e-mail - signed hard copy retained by the APHA

No charges applied

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