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Dear [REDACTED]

PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information on health conditions of captive reindeer which we received on 04 January 2019. Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOI).

The information you requested and our response is detailed below:

'I am writing to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, for information held by the APHA which relates to reported health conditions of UK captive reindeer for the year 2018.

- Please advise me as to whether the APHA has received any reindeer carcasses during the course of 2018 and share with me any recorded information on the condition, age, primary presenting signs (if known) and diagnostic conclusion.

I am not interested in any information pertaining to people, places or intellectual property.'

During 2018 the Animal and Plant Health Agency's (APHA's) Veterinary Investigations Centres (VIC's) received 7 Reindeer carcasses and APHA's contracted post mortem providers received 6 Reindeer carcasses. The contracted post mortem providers only provide diagnostic data to APHA.

Condition of the reindeer at the time of submission can only be provided for the 7 carcasses submitted to APHA VICs: this was recorded as "good" for 3 reindeers and "fair" for 4. The four categories are – emaciated, poor, fair and good.

11 reindeer were adults, one was post-weaned and one was pre-weaned.

The presenting clinical sign were "found dead" (8 cases); "wasting" (2 cases) and one case each presented with "diarrhoea", "malaise" and "nervous" signs.

The main diagnosis were:

Fractured pelvis in one case
Malignant catarrhal fever in one case
Malnutrition following death of dam in one case
Oropharyngeal obstruction in one case
Parasitic gastroenteritis in one case
Pneumonia in two cases
Ruminal bloat in two cases
Diagnosis not reached in 4 cases

- Please advise me of any veterinary referrals with non carcase samples specifically for cases involving the investigation of diarrhoea for the year 2018. It would be useful to have a response for both diagnosed and non-diagnosed cases.

Only one non-carcase sample was received during 2018 for the investigation of diarrhoea a diagnosis was not reached.

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If you have any queries about this letter, please contact the Access to Information Team at the email address below or postal address at the top of this letter.

Yours sincerely

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Annex

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