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130 deer killed in TB outbreak February 17, 2012 United Kingdom, This is Gloucestershire

"We found bovine tuberculosis in too many of the deer and it means they have to go," ... Brian Thornton had to go through the heartbreak of wiping out all 130 of the animals which roam his Priors Mesne estate, ... he is reasonably sure badgers are to blame for the infection. An experimental badger cull has been announced ...

SBV, <u>Farm virus 'can infect wild animals'</u> February 20, 2013 United Kingdom, BBC News

... Schmallenberg virus (SBV) ... is spread by insects, causes birth defects in lambs and can reduce milk yields in cattle...European scientists say wild deer can catch the virus, and are calling for the impact on wildlife to be monitored...

SBV, <u>Farm virus spreads to deer</u>February 22, 2013 United Kingdom, BBC News Evidence of extensive Schmallenberg virus (SBV) infection of wild deer populations has far-reaching significance - not least for the future control of this devastating pathogen. SBV emerged in northern Europe in the summer of 2011 ... Genetic studies showed it was a member of the bunyavirus family, which includes Akabane virus ... Research published in the International Journal of Health Geographics suggests that the initial spread of SBV in the summer of 2011 was facilitated by drought conditions in the northwest of Europe...

Warning spread of deer disease may lead to restrictions on venison sales July 6, 2013 Scotland, Herald Scotland

... the threat of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD), which has taken hold of animals in the US and Canada. Wildlife experts fear that if steps are not put in place to halt its spread it could lead to a loss of large numbers of wild deer across the world, restrict sales of venison and hit Scotland's country sports economy...

Deer disease focal point at Scottish Game Fair July 5, 2013 United Kingdom, Scotsman The British Deer Society (BDS) and the Scottish Gamekeepers Association (SGA) will exhibit information sheets on their stands outlining the nature and impacts of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD)... "CWD has infected both wild and farmed deer in USA and Canada, with red deer also susceptible. Efforts to control CWD is USA and Canada would seem to have failed."