

# BTB found in boar, bison and seal

**BOVINE** tuberculosis (bTB) was found in a wild boar, a bison and a grey seal, according to the AHVLA's 2012 TB surveillance report.

The report shows 4,919 new bTB breakdowns.

There was an increase of 3.4 per cent in Officially TB Free – Withdrawn breakdowns in 2012 compared to 2011, but the overall number of breakdowns in the UK decreased by

0.4 per cent from 4,941 for the previous 12 months.

The report also shows 104 non-bovine bTB isolates with alpaca (32 cases), cats (22 cases), sheep (19 cases), deer (17 cases) and swine (16 cases) heading the list. Llamas, dogs and ferrets also featured.

BCVA president Jonathan Statham said it is vital not to lose sight of the main issues in the fight against bTB.

"Surveillance like this shows the extent of the problem and also illustrates how important it is to focus on outcomes and not just cost control measures.

"If we want to eradicate TB then we need to look at everything and that includes control in wildlife.

"But this is overwhelmingly a disease of cattle and badgers and we need to make sure we do not lose sight of that."