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Tufts Bald Eagle Case Reports 1991-2019
Raw Connecticut Veterinary Data of Bald Eagles

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Name of the Data:

Tufts Bald Eagle Case Reports 1991-2019

Source Facility of the Data:

Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine
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Name of the Project at Cornell:

Lead in Bald Eagles in the Northeast United States (2017-)

Location of the Project at Cornell University:

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Species Described by the Data:

Bald Eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*)

Dates Contained in the Data:

1991-2019

Overview

This data constitutes records in their raw form that describe visits and necropsies on bald eagles by veterinary professionals and pathologists at the Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University. The raw data consists of eagles that had a Pb test with any result. The dataset omits eagles that

were dead on arrival. The data was shared with the Cornell Wildlife Health Lab at Cornell University for the purpose of the regional “lead in bald eagle” project. Professionals at the source facility have given written permission for this data to be posted to this persistent eCommons repository alongside the other project data. All metadata in the possession of the Cornell have been documented here, but additional questions should be directed towards the source facility.

Technical Details:

The data is on a spreadsheet from Microsoft Excel for Microsoft 365 MSO (16.0.13530.20368) 64-bit.

There is also a comma separated variable (CSV) version of each of the Excel files in the zipped preservation bundle: “Tufts_RawData_Presv.zip”

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The data herein was transferred to Cornell from Tufts. All inquiries regarding records or should be directed to the source facility.

Suggested citation for the use of this data:

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Abbreviations Used in the Data:

File: CT_raw.xlsx (1993-2016 data)

Year:

The calendar year of the record.

Species:

Species of individual.

State:

State in which the individual was found in the wild.

CT: Connecticut

MA: Massachusetts

MD: Maryland

ME: Maine

NH: New Hampshire

NY: New York

PA: Pennsylvania

RI: Rhode Island

VT: Vermont

Date found:

The date on which the individual was found in the wild.

MM/DD/YYYY

Problem [Medical abbreviations]:

Fx: Fracture.
OD: Right eye.
OS: Left eye.
OU: Both eyes.
AS: Left ear.
AD: Right ear.
AU: Both ears.
R/U: Radius/ulna.
HBC/V: Hit by car/vehicle.
TMT: Tarsometatarsal bone.
ADR: Ain't doin' right.
AR tox: Anti-rodenticide toxicosis.

Resolution:

DOA: Dead on arrival
R: Released
B: - contact source -
E: Euthanized
P: Placed
T: Transferred

Resolution Date:

The date that the record was closed.

Sex:

M: Male
F: Female
U: Unknown

Age:

A: Adult
F: Fledgling
HY: Hatch year
I: Immature
J: Juvenile
N: - contact source -
SY: Second year
U: Unknown

Condition:

E: Euthanized
F: Fair
G: Good
P: Poor
T: - contact source -

Cause:

Variable – contact source –

Notes:

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File: Tufts_1of3_raw.xlsx (2011-2012 data)

Date found:

The date on which the individual was found in the wild.
MM/DD/YYYY

State:

State in which the individual was found in the wild.

NH: New Hampshire

Test found:

The date on which the individual was tested.

MM/DD/YYYY

Tested:

T: Tested

BD: Below detection

Test:

The type of test.

Tissue:

The tissue of the test.

Test Text

The measurement of the lead in the tissue (if it is below detection).

Value

The exact measurement of the lead in the tissue.

Units:

The units of the measurement of the lead in the tissue.

Comments:

As written by the data collector.

Notes:

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File: Tufts_2of3_raw.xlsx (1991-1999 data)

Sex:

The sex of the eagle.

Age:

The life stage of the eagle.

Location Found:

State (or country) in which the individual was found in the wild.

CT: Connecticut

MA: Massachusetts

ME: Maine

NH: New Hampshire

NY: New York

UNK: Unknown

VT: Vermont

Date Admitted:

The date on which the individual was admitted to the facility.

MM/DD/YYYY

Diagnosis:

Variable – contact source -

Pb testing?

Whether the bird was tested for Pb (or not).

Disposition:

The outcome for the individual.

Comments:

As written by the data collector.

Notes:

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File: Tufts_3of3_raw.xlsx (2017-2019 data)

City:

The location where the eagle was collected.

Common name:

The species of the individual.

Admission Date:

The date and time at which the individual was admitted to the facility.

YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM:SS

Found Date:

The date on which the individual was discovered in the wild.

YYYY-MM-DD

Diagnosis:

Variable – contact source -

Disposition:

The outcome for the individual.

Disposition date:

The date of the disposition.

Year:

The year of the record.

Lead:

Information on the lead test and the results of that test.

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