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The University of Surrey, with funding from Defra and in collaboration with the Universities of Nottingham and Liverpool, is undertaking a survey of badger carcases for evidence of tuberculosis (TB).

This study aims to determine whether or not badgers in the 'edge areas' in England (i.e. the eleven counties on the edge of the cattle TB epidemic) have TB, and if so, how common it is.

The University of Surrey is collecting carcases from:

- Berkshire
- Hampshire
- Buckinghamshire
- Oxfordshire
- East Sussex

Fresh carcases must be collected using the approved protocol and an approved kit and taken to one of our designated collection sites. We will also store samples that may be used in future research, although these studies are not part of the Defra-funded survey.

Notes:

1. We can only accept carcases from approved stakeholder groups.
2. Anyone wishing to collect a carcase must be pre-approved by the University of Surrey.
3. The approved collection kits are available from the collection sites and the University of Surrey.
4. All carcases must be accompanied by a completed, signed submission form and delivered to one of the designated collection sites.
5. We are legally obliged to report the details of any carcases showing evidence of illegal killing to the relevant authorities.
6. To help defray the cost of transporting a carcase, a payment of £10 will be made on delivery to a designated collection site.
7. Carcases may be delivered to the following designated collection sites:
 - Major Farm Services, Blackstone Farm Bicester Road, **Bicester**, OX25 1HX Tel. 01869 246593
 - Hook Norton Veterinary Group, White Hills Surgery, Sibford Road, Hook Norton Banbury, **Oxon**, OX15 5DF Tel. 01608 730085
 - Berks, Bucks and Oxon Wildlife Trust, The Lodge, 1 Armstrong Road Littlemore **Oxford**, OX4 4XT Tel. 01865 775476
 - Norcal Veterinary Services, Pearces Yard Aylesbury Road Thame, **Oxon**, OX9 3AS Tel. 01844 260616
 - J Passey & Son, 97 Turnpike Road **Newbury**, RG14 2QR Tel. 01635 40327
 - Endell Veterinary Group, 49 Endless Street Salisbury **Wiltshire**, SP1 3UH Tel. 01722 333291
 - J H Watson & Sons, Jarvis Court Farm Swanmore, **Southampton**, SO32 2QP Tel. 01489 892521
 - Harry Hawkins, Henfield Road, Cowfold **Horsham**, RH13 8DU Tel. 01403 864361
 - Charles Diplock, Bishops Lane, Ringmer **Lewes**, BN8 5TJ Tel. 01273 812313
 - Larkmead Vets, Ilges Lane, Cholsey, OX10 9PA Tel. 01491 651479
 - Westpoint - Leighton Buzzard, Unit 7b, Sparrow Hall Farm, Edlesborough, Dunstable, Bedfordshire, LU6 2ES Tel. 01296 410021

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