

TITLE WILDLIFE DISEASE IN THE UK: A SHORT HISTORY

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Abstract

This paper first discusses the history of wildlife disease in the UK, why the subject should be examined, sources of information and the possible significance of wildlife disease in the UK down the centuries.

The history of wildlife disease is examined in three periods – pre 1800, 1800-1900 and 1900 to the present day. The diseases considered are then discussed in three general categories, zoonotic disease, diseases of importance to domesticated stock and thirdly, diseases of importance to wildlife, social structures and the environment.

A further aspect that will be considered are the institutes, organisations and scientists that have been involved in wildlife disease investigations in more recent years. The development of investigation techniques is followed together with discussion on the current status of wildlife investigation in the United Kingdom.

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