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HOTLINE CALL SUMMARY (4 WEEKS)

Sighting reports	16
- Excellent	-
- Possible	16

Locations:

St Peters Pass, Mole Creek, Sandford, Castra, Swansea, Woodstock, Rosegarland, Brighton, Marrawah, Don Heads, The Nile, Campbell Town, Nunamara, Spalford Pyengana, Geeveston

Other reports:

Animal scat: Berrilee, Geeveston
 Animal kill: Bruny Island, Mole Creek, Snug, Berrilee
 Carcass: Buckland, Sorell, Avoca, Buckland
 Vocalisation: Pioneer
 Animal den: Don Heads
 Animal prints: Little Swanport, Geeveston, South Hobart, Bruny Island
 Animal hair: South Hobart

Total Reports for 2009:

Sightings	278
Other reports	212

ACTING BRANCH MANAGER'S UPDATE (MATT MARRISON)

Happy New Year and welcome to the first Fox Pop for 2010. It has already been a busy start to the year and the next 12 months will be very important for the eradication effort as we progress to the next stage of the Program.

PROGRAM NEWS: The report from the Public Accounts Committee 'Inquiry into the Efficiency and Effectiveness of the Fox Eradication Program' has now been released. Copies are available on the Parliament of Tasmania website at www.parliament.tas.gov.au/Ctee/pacc.htm

Baiting has commenced in the Wesley Vale area in the first of a 2-phase operation. A combined Devonport-Launceston team is working on this program and indicates that landowner support has been very positive in the area. Both phases of the program should be completed by March.

We have now received all four (4) puppies to be trained as fox tracking dogs. The dogs had their first official duties when they were introduced to the Minister and the media this week.

Three (3) further scats collected from southern Tasmania during Phase 2 of the Scat Collection Survey have tested positive for fox DNA (collected near Bushy Park, Campania and Geeveston).

Administration for Phase 3 of the Scat Collection Survey has commenced, with the mail-out to landowners in the survey area due next week. Phase 3 will be conducted in the north-west during autumn and includes areas of core fox habitat around Burnie, Devonport and Deloraine.

STAFF NEWS: Recruitment is continuing for a number of vacant positions within the Branch. The vacant Field Officer positions will be advertised externally next week. We are currently in negotiation with a candidate to fill the remaining Administration Officer position. Another fox tracking Dog Handler position will be advertised shortly, along with the Technical Officer position that was left vacant by a staff resignation.

BRANCH ACTIVITY SUMMARY

OPERATIONS

1080 Baiting Programs:
Wesley Vale

INVESTIGATIONS & MONITORING

Scat Detector Dogs:
Marrawah, Boat Harbour, Campbell Town, Lake Sorell, Mole Creek, Police Point, Don Heads, Wynyard, Hawley Beach, Spreyton, Hagley

Investigations:

Pioneer, Goshen, The Nile, Lake Sorell, Bruny Island, South Hobart, Little Swanport, Snug, Sandford, Brighton, Rosegarland, Epping Forest, Cornwall, Birralee, Woodstock, Sorell, Buckland, Cranbrook, Lucaston, Police Point, Mole Creek, Orford, Swansea, Sassafras, St Marys, Coles Bay, Hagley, Ulverstone, St Peters Pass

Monitoring:

Cygnets, Wesley Vale, Spreyton

Program Partners



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REPORT ALL FOX SIGHTINGS OR SIGNS OF FOX ACTIVITY: 1300 FOX OUT

- 24HR HOTLINE, ALL CALLS STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL AND ALL INFORMATION IS VITAL -

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