All,

Region 9 is starting to get inquiries. As a result, they plan to direct public inquiries to Mary as the OPP Ombudsman, and press inquiries to Greg Siedschlag unless we advise them differently. FYI

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Nick

All,

It depends if you want the real answer or just some talking points to cover our ass for doing nothing. Personally I would...
I think the California Department of Fish and Wildlife rep poses a valid question given the recent articles regarding Seresto collars. Who is the best person to answer the question below, and where should we send additional questions we may get on our end?

Thanks for the help.

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From: Berckes, Nicole <Berckes.Nicole@epa.gov>
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Subject: Re: Flumethrin Question

Hi Bob, thank you for sending. I’m looping in Mary Rust; I just started a promotion detail in OCIR, so Mary will adeptly and graciously be handling OPP Ombuds duties until early July. I’ve also looped in Cindy Wire.

Thank you for all of your hard work with incident requests. Later today I’ll give you a ring to say a quick hi!

All best,
Nicole

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 3, 2021, at 6:53 AM, Miller, Robert <Miller.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Nicole,

This is a question that is better for you to answer. I will respond if you like, but I may lose my cool. Why is Seresto even registered? At the very least Seresto should not be used on the endangered San Joquin Kit Fox.

Take care,

Bob

From: Rudd, Jaime@Wildlife <Jaime.Rudd@lwildlife.ca.gov>
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Subject: Flumethrin Question

Hi Robert –
I was just this article about flumethrin and was wondering if you had any additional info or who the proper contact would be, https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/investigations/2021/03/02/seresto-dog-cat-collars-found-harm-pets-humans-epa-records-show/4574753001/.

We have been using Seresto collars on endangered San Joaquin kit foxes for the last 5 years (I actually did my dissertation on their safety and efficacy in preventing sarcoptic mange). This is a little concerning but I am not sure if there is a lot of merit to the reports or not and how I could find out what was reported. In the cases of domestic dogs mortalities, it seems mortality occurred 2-3 months after the collar was put on. We have not had any problems in kit foxes but it is a little concerning.

Sincerely,

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