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CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 UPDATE (93): ANIMAL, ESTONIA (HARJU), CAT, OIE

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<https://wahis.oie.int/#/report-info?reportId=30463>

SARS-CoV-2, Estonia

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#### Summary

Report type: immediate notification

Date of start of the event: 21 Feb 2021

Date of confirmation of the event: 28 Feb 2021

Report date: 10 Mar 2021

Date submitted to OIE: 10 Mar 2021

Event status: ongoing

Reason for notification: emerging disease

Morbidity: 1 (scale 0 to 5)

Mortality: 0 (scale 0 to 5)

Diagnostic details: clinical signs, laboratory test

Zoonotic impact: no

Causal agent: SARS-CoV-2

#### New outbreaks (1)

Summary of outbreaks:

Total outbreaks: 1

Outbreak location: Haabersti, Tallinn, Harju

Date of start of the outbreak: 22 Feb 2021

Outbreak status: resolved 2 Mar 2021

Epidemiological unit: not applicable

Total animals affected:

Species / Susceptible / Cases / Deaths / Killed and disposed of / Slaughtered or killed for commercial use

Cats / - / 1 / - / - / -

Affected population: On 2 Mar 2021 an animal clinic in Tallinn in Estonia notified the Agriculture and Food Board of Estonia that they had diagnosed SARS-CoV-2 in a cat. On 1 Mar 2021, the laboratory Laboklin confirmed SARS-CoV-2 in a swab sample taken from a 5 year old Bengal cat showing clinical signs like coughing, sneezing and vomiting. Now the cat is rarely sneezing and coughing and is feeling well. The cat belonged to a person confirmed infected by SARS-CoV-2. The owner experienced stuffy nose, fever and loss of smell and taste.

#### Epidemiology

Source of the outbreak(s) or origin of infection: contact with an infected owner

#### Diagnostic test results

Laboratory name and type / Species / Test / Test result date / Result

In Laboklin GmbH&CoKG (foreign laboratory) / cats / polymerase chain reaction (PCR) / 1 Mar 2021 / positive

[The location of the outbreak can be seen on the interactive map included in the OIE report at the source URL above.]

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[The US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has provided the following guidance on COVID-19 for those with pets (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/pets.html>):

"Because there is a risk that people with COVID-19 could spread the virus to animals, CDC recommends that pet owners limit their pet's interaction with people outside their household.

- Keep cats indoors when possible and do not let them roam freely outside.
- Pets or other animals should not be allowed to roam freely around the facility, and cats should be kept indoors.
- Avoid public places where a large number of people gather.
- Do not put a mask on pets. Masks could harm your pet.

"There is no evidence that the virus can spread to people from the skin, fur, or hair of pets. Do not wipe or bathe your pet with chemical disinfectants, alcohol, hydrogen peroxide, or other products, such as hand sanitizer, counter-cleaning wipes, or other industrial or surface cleaners. Talk to your veterinarian if you have questions about appropriate products for bathing or cleaning your pet.

"Talk to your veterinarian if your pet gets sick or if you have any concerns about your pet's health."

The following has been extracted from the OIE Technical factsheet "Questions and Answers on COVID-19" (last updated 22 Jan 2021), available at <https://www.oie.int/en/scientific-expertise/specific-information-and-recommendations/questions-and-answers-on-2019novel-coronavirus/>:

"There is no evidence that companion animals are playing an epidemiological role in the spread of human infections of SARS-CoV-2. However, as animals and people can both be affected by this virus, it is recommended that people who are suspected or confirmed to be infected with COVID-19 virus avoid close contact with their companion animals and have another member of their household care for them. If they must look after their companion animals, they should maintain good hygiene practices and wear a face mask, if possible. Animals belonging to owners infected with COVID-19 virus should be kept indoors in line with similar lockdown recommendations for humans applicable in the country or area. There is no justification in taking measures

which may compromise the welfare of companion animals.

"As a general good practice, basic hygiene measures should always be implemented when handling and caring for animals. This includes hand washing before and after being around or handling animals, their food, or supplies, as well as avoiding kissing, being licked by animals, or sharing food." - Mod.CRD

HealthMap/ProMED map of Harju, Estonia: <https://promedmail.org/promed-post?place=8239589,683>

## See Also

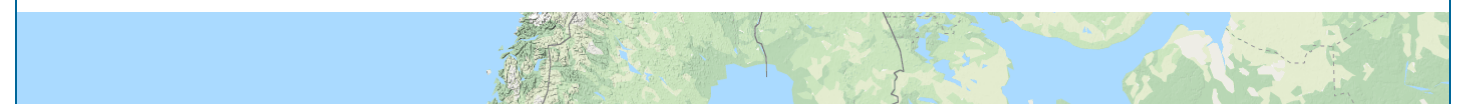
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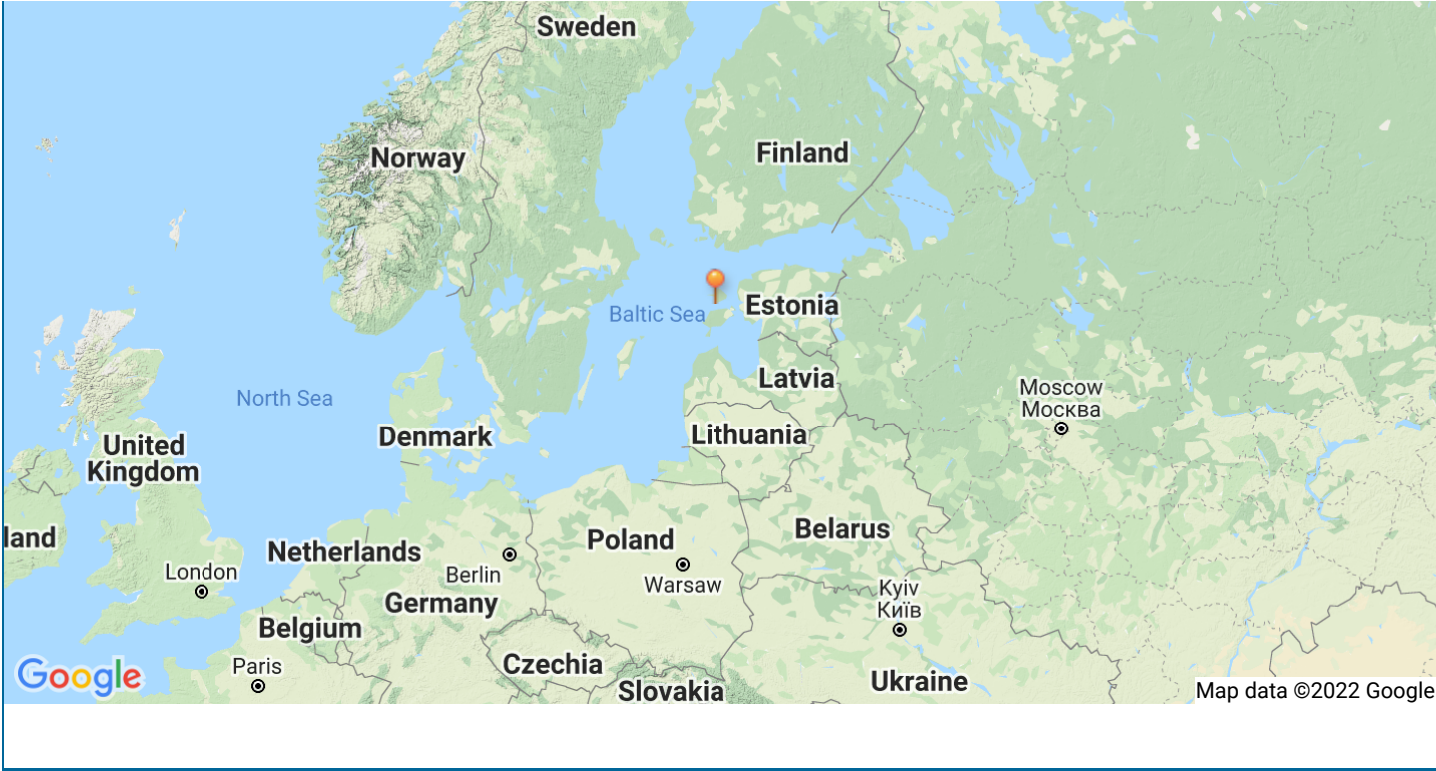
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