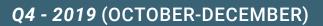
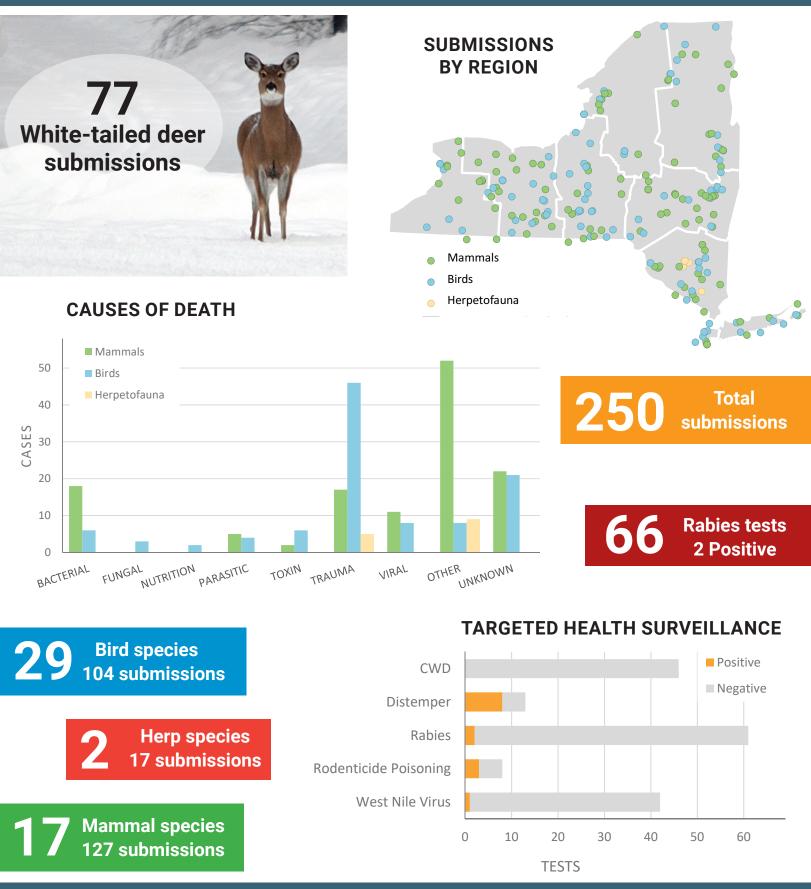
#### **New York State** Wildlife Health Program (WHP)



#### **Department of** Environmental







The New York State Cooperative Wildlife Health Program (WHP) is a partnership between the NYSDEC Bureau of Wildlife and Cornell University's College of Veterinary Medicine AHDC that works to safeguard the long-term health of the wildlife populations of New York.





## Welcome Aboard!

Rachel Abbott, DVM recently joined the WHP team here at the CWHL. She comes to us from the USGS National Wildlife Health Center in Madison, WI where she was worked on research pertaining to oral wildlife vaccine development to prevent plague in prairie dogs as well as whitenose syndrome in bats! This project had Rachel working in the field, in the lab, analysing data and even covering regulatory issues. Rachel also has a background in epidemiology and has hit the ground running here with her first article - <u>Wildlife Vaccination - Growing in Feasibility?</u>

# Program **happenings** in the **field** and in the **lab**

The <u>Chemical Immobilization SOP</u> is completed and online!

A handy <u>Quick Guide</u> for the field is also available!

Interested in getting current news and journal articles related to wildlife health?

Sign up for the <u>NY Wildlife Health listserv</u>; send an email to <u>NY\_fish\_wildlife\_health-L-request@</u> <u>cornell.edu</u> and type the work JOIN in the body of the message and hit send!

# Under the **scope...**



We received a positive Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) result on a Cooper's Hawk (*Accipiter cooperi*) submitted in late September - likely migrating through the area. We are unaware of cases with positive results in Accipiter species. This was our first confirmed wildlife case. EEE is usually rare in New York and affects humans and horses as well as birds. There was however a big increase in cases this year in nearby states.

### Keeping YOU in the loop!

- Interested in getting the "WHP Weekly Case Reports?" Email us at <u>cwhl@cornell.edu</u> to get registered & keep up to date on all WHP cases! Access to the case reporting system is available to essential agency staff.
- Check out the latest WHP disease watch alerts, Wildlife 411, or Lab news impacting wildlife health at <u>cwhl.vet.cornell.edu</u>.

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