

LIVESTOCK LOSS DETERMINATION

California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Investigation ID: 032125-LAS-2

Date Investigated: 3/21/25

Cause of Death:

- ☐ Confirmed Wolf
- ☐ Probable Wolf
- ☐ Possible Wolf
- ☐ Non-Wolf Depredation
- ☒ Non-Depredation
- ☐ Unknown

General Area: Southern Lassen County, private property, no known resident wolf activity

General situation and animal information: An injured livestock guardian dog was reported on 21 March and investigated the same day by USDA Wildlife Services. At the time of the investigation, the dog had been euthanized. Another livestock guardian dog was reported missing.

Physical evidence of wolf predation: There was a large premortem hole on the left side of the dog, through the ribcage. No teeth or claw marks were observed.

Evidence of wolf presence near the time of the animal(s) death/injury: None found.

Summary: No teeth or claw marks were found associated with the wound on the livestock guardian dog. Swabs taken from the wound only produced DNA from the dog. The cause of the injury is unknown but was not consistent with depredation.

