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Dear Sir,

My daughter who has a Masters of Wild Animal Science from Texas A & M University and I just returned from a three day tour of Yellowstone National Park. The park is beautiful, unique, and highly interesting. We greatly enjoyed our visit. In our three days of searching by automobile only, we saw only 12 elk in a natural setting. We were disappointed by this. What has happened to the once large elk herds in Yellowstone National Park?

I would like to bring your attention to two reported research documents: The first is, "Grey wolf is a natural definitive host of *Neospora caninum*" by Dr. D. J. Dubey et al dated 13 May 2011. The second is, "Neospora in Animals - the last five years," by Dr. Dubey and G. Schares, dated 2011. If you do not have these two reports readily available, I will send them to you via Email if you send me an Email address.

Specifically, please look at Table 9 in the second report. Near the top of this table, Emily Almborg states in 2009 that 220 wolves in the Yellowstone Park were tested for *Neospora c.*, and 50% of them tested positive. I have read that occysts from *Neospora c.* infected coyotes may infect White Tail Deer. My question is, "Can occysts passed by *Neospora c.* infected wolves be passed to and infect White Tail Deer, elk, moose etc.? Has any research been done in regard to this possibility?"

I would appreciate hearing from you. My Email is will.52@comcast.net.

Sincerely,

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