

Dead Otters
New instructions for Environment Agency and Water for Wildlife staff

As many of you will know Vic Simpson will no longer be carrying out otter post mortems from the end of June 2007. We have negotiated a revised contract with Dr Liz Chadwick at the University of Cardiff and Liz will be taking dead otters from all regions in England and Wales **with immediate effect**.

We will not be making special arrangements for fresh otter carcasses, therefore all dead otters can be frozen and dispatched to Liz in small batches, when it is convenient. Please check with Liz that there is storage space in the freezers at Cardiff before you send them off. Alternatively they can be sent to the University's field centre at Llysdinam in mid Wales. The contacts for both centres are given below.

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The procedures for wrapping carcasses and couriers remain unchanged.

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