

Kent Action Against Live Exports (KAALE)

"I never give them hell. I just tell the truth and they think it's hell."

President Harry S Truman



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Anthrax alarm in Saxony-Anhalt (Germany)



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In 2009, the last Anthrax cases in Germany were registered in Bavaria.

Now the disease breaks out again. This time, Saxony-Anhalt is affected. **Nine (9) dead animals have been found floating in the river Elbe**, which has led the police to hours-long searches by a helicopter.

Anthrax can affect humans.

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anthrax>

The authorities in Lower Saxony have recovered one dead cow floating in the river Elbe. The cow is confirmed as being infected with Anthrax. It comes from a herd located in the district of Stendal, in Saxony-Anhalt.

The Authority had previously warned in a national campaign against any contact with the dead animal.

The police had searched for hours with a helicopter to track down the carcasses of other dead cows.

One dead animal was thrown into the Elbe.

The Ministry of Agriculture in Saxony-Anhalt in Magdeburg, told that the affected cattle herd is from the district of Stendal. **So far, nine animals have died of the infection.** The herd consists of a total of 50 cattle.

Anthrax is caused by a bacterium (spores) and affects mostly cloven-hoofed animals such as sheep, goats, cows or horses. In addition, people can become ill when they are exposed to high doses of spores.

Currently still under investigation is who had contact with the animals.

The stock was immediately blocked by the appropriate county who has also imposed a trade ban.

Transmission from person to person is considered very unlikely, there is so far no such case recorded.

The origin of the pathogen was initially unclear since the **spores can survive in soil for decades.**

According to the ministry, they will examine whether there has been the possibility that dead and infected animals were buried on the (affected) grazing area in the past.

Recent Anthrax cases in Germany were found in 2009 in Bavaria.

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