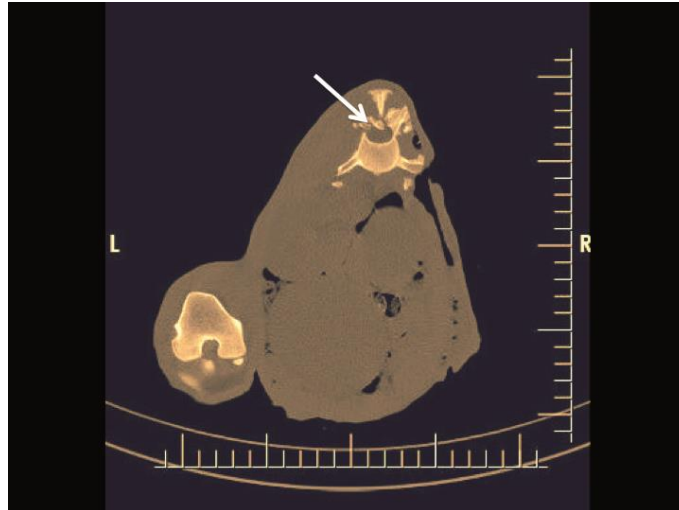


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SOM F1. A CT-scan image showing a depressed fracture of the vertebral arch lamina and transverse process on the left side of the 4th lumbar vertebra (L4) with a 4 mm long fragment compressing the spinal cord from the left dorso-lateral aspect of L4 (arrow). This severe injury was caused by a metal snare encircling the waist of an adult Persian leopard, Gilan Province, Iran. February 2017 (Photo M. Molazem, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University of Tehran).



SOM F2. A recent subcutaneous haemorrhage around the lower abdomen and lumbo-dorsal area (waist) of a Persian leopard snared in Mazandaran Province, Iran. February 2017 (Photo P. Behnoud, Future for Leopards Foundation).



SOM F3. An adult male Persian leopard was found dead by local people near Khalilshahr city in Behshahr County, Mazandaran Province on April 21st, 2018, and reported to Mazandaran DoE authorities (Photo DoE Mazandaran Province).



SOM F4. The animal was dead for several days (ca. 2-4 days), a snare deployed against wild boars raiding nearby crops was responsible of the death. The snare was passing through the mouth, encircling the head (i.e. the crania and rostrum were encircled but not the mandible). The animal was in good body condition suggesting that it died relatively soon after being snared (Photo DoE Mazandaran Province).