

Using Report Data Files

Data file versions of the reports are also provided. These files are in comma separated value (csv) format. Users are able to import these into spread sheets such as EXCEL and sort the data as required.

Note that to avoid errors in reading the data file into the spread sheet users should open the file from within the spread sheet rather than automatically opening the file from Explorer. Then the user has the opportunity to specify the column types where these are non-numeric.

A typical problem in EXCEL is the conversion of tag numbers to dates e.g. animal 4/02 converted to 4-Feb. Tag or ID columns should be specified as text fields.

There are additional columns in the data file which do not appear on the printed report. The numeric tag number and birth year are included in the data file and can be use for sorting the report by birth year or tag number. Attempting to sort on animal id in the tag/yy format will result in alphabetic rather than numeric sorting e.g. 1,10,100, 101, 11, 110, 2, 20, 3,.. rather than 1,2,3,...