Impacts from Spent Lead Ammunition on Animals

- An estimated 10 million to 20 million birds and other animals die each year from lead poisoning in the United States.
  
  

- Lead exposure can cause organ failure and brain damage in animals, causing blindness, paralysis of the lungs and intestinal tract, seizure, and death.


- Animals consume spent ammunition while eating wounded or dead prey or while scavenging contaminated remains left behind by hunters.

  Lead Bullet Risks for Wildlife & Humans, National Park Service (Sept. 24, 2019)
  https://www.nps.gov/pinn/learn/nature/leadinfo.html

- Hunting dogs fed trimmings from animals shot with lead ammunition can be poisoned.