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Denmark Plans to Kill 17 Million Mink

The Danish government is killing the entire population of farmed mink. A mutation of the COVID-19 virus has infected a large number of mink, and transmitted it to 12 people.

The government says a mutation could interfere with the effectiveness of future vaccines. However, researchers say there is no evidence that this mutation increases virulence or would affect the workings of a vaccine.

Nevertheless, the Danish government will kill about 17 million mink on more than 1,000 farms. Denmark is one of the world’s major exporters of mink furs. The New York Times says killing all the mink will wipe out the industry, perhaps for years. The economic consequences are huge. This is a disaster. How many mutations could there be? What animals could be next? How much is government willing to destroy to control a virus that can’t be controlled?