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Dear Hollis

I am sorry to say I don't have anything useful to report on your scat sample. I have worked on the DNAs repeatedly, tested multiple genetic markers, run every control I can think of, and still have never gotten a mammalian signal.

There is DNA in the samples, to be sure, but this is most likely bacterial/fungal. Again, in my hands, there is no sign of any mammalian DNA (that doesn't exclude it from being felid in origin; I cannot genetically tell what it is).

I am quite sorry (and disappointed), but I have run out of ideas. The vast majority of the sample(s) is still available, so please let me know what you would like me to do. Again, I am sorry for the less than satisfying outcome.

Sincerely

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