

When he was found in the freezing field 24 days after his fall, he did not seem to be breathing and had no detectable pulse. Hibernation reduces the need for food and protects animals from damage to the brain and other organs. Uchikoshi, who was treated for severe hypothermia and blood loss, made a full recovery. His body temperature was nearly 30 degrees below normal, and his organs had nearly shut down. Doctors believe that Uchikoshi's body went into a state similar to hibernation. Doctors assumed he was dead. Even more incredibly.