



Cattle Mutilation - The Unthinkable Truth

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Chapter 2, Part Two

Blueprint for Confusion

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- El Paso County, Colorado Coroner

Another surprising thing is that some carcasses have been mutilated at least twice. They are found and examined, then later it is discovered that further cuts have been made on them. It's common, for example, for a perfect circle of hide to be taken. In at least one instance, a moon-shaped section was taken first. Then later the mutilators returned and completed the circle.

Local newspapers reported,

"Mrs. Innes said a calf was found on a Thursday in a 'mountainous, steep area' near Rosemont Dam in the Teller County area. Her husband went to the scene later that week and found two calves dead in the same place, but neither of the calves were found three days earlier. Mrs. Innes went on to say that when her husband returned on Sunday, one calf was mutilated more than it had been before. 'There were three inches of snow up there, and no tracks. The eyes, one ear, the lower lip, tongue, the sex organs and rectum were removed. And there was a clean square cut where the hearts of the animals had been removed.'" (*The Fremont County Sun*, October 15, 1975, and *The Denver Record Stockman*, September 18, 1975 and September 25, 1975.)

There is no question that animals dead from other causes have been mutilated. A group of deputies in the El Paso County Sheriff's Office (Colorado Springs), were obviously disgusted at me coming in to ask where NORAD Road was and to learn more about the mutilation they had investigated there.

"There's nothing at all to that stuff!" one deputy said vehemently. "Look, here's this rancher out in Lincoln County. So, he has this cow that's bloated on eating something. He tries, but can't get her stuck soon enough. So, she dies - right in front of him. Then he comes back the next day and finds all those parts missing. There ain't NOBODY going to be out there cutting up some dead animal!"

That settled it for all of them, but to me it was another interesting piece of information. I hadn't come to argue or express opinions, but to act dumb and ask questions. "How many of those ranchers have collected insurance?" another deputy put in, along with other caustic remarks. "If you go into Elbert County talking like that," I replied, "you'd better be sure to have that big gun with you."

It is not known how many previously dead animals have been mutilated, but some have. Jerry Schranek of Fountain, immediately south of NORAD's Cheyenne Mountain installation, had an eight-year-old mare that became sick. The vet diagnosed the ailment as a parasite and said she probably wouldn't live

long. Late Saturday afternoon, September 27, she was found dead in the corral and left there until she could be moved. But when he came back the next day to remove her, she was found to have been mutilated. "There was a neat incision around the animal's rectum, accomplished probably with a knife or scalpel. One of its ears had also been severed." (*The Gazette Telegraph*, Colorado Springs, Colorado, October 2, 1975)

Another barnyard mutilation had previously been reported, also from the Colorado Springs area. On September 11, one of Ira Pendleton's cows died in the feed lot. The next day when he came to remove her, he found a gaping hole in the hind quarter and the rectum and vagina missing.

"I know what it looks like when a coyote eats on them," said Pendleton, pointing to the cow. "I say it's not coyotes and the vagina and rectum were surgically cut out." Pendleton said the smoothness of the hide around the hole couldn't have been accomplished by coyotes, only by a sharp instrument like a scalpel. "I've been a rancher for 30 years and I know how to diagnose quite a few ailments. I called the vet and he said the symptoms seemed strange to him. I feel that the animal was poisoned or something given to her which went into her nervous system and killed her." Furthermore, some unknown person mysteriously left the light on that night in the barnyard where the heifer was mutilated. (*The Gazette Telegraph*, Colorado Springs, Colorado, September 13, 1975)

State Representative Bledsoe of Hugo, Colorado, who conducted a long investigation of the subject theorizes that long dead carcasses are being mutilated by strong stomached vandals. We can be sure they not only have cast iron stomachs, but stainless steel ones, so to speak. Our X-rated movies would probably make them throw up, but they obviously have no qualms whatever about animal carcasses, even far along ones. Unfortunately, the dead animal theory has as many problems as any other. One CSU pathologist (who asked not to be identified said it seemed unlikely the animals they had examined had died naturally. "How long do you think you would have to drive along a country road before finding a dead cow?" he asked. (*The Rocky Mountain News*, Denver, Colorado, August 10, 1975)

Animal Mutilators Leave "Calling Cards"

Most owners have reported the mutilated animals had been healthy. And how could carcasses that had just died in corrals and feed lots be located during a single night? That takes an extremely close surveillance operation. The yard light turned mysteriously on is also interesting and significant. Sheriff George Yarnell of Elbert County, who has seen more mutilated animals than anyone else says, "They always leave a calling card."

Their calling cards take various forms, but Sheriff Yarnell says there ALWAYS is one. The most memorable one to him was when an udder was neatly cleaned out, leaving only the skin, which was then tightly packed with several gallons of sand. Some predator!!

Teats have been neatly snipped off and arranged in order on the leg, or the udder or uterus left on top of the carcass. (*The El Paso Times*, El Paso, Texas, February 5, 1975) Perfect squares or circles are often cut out of the hide. Hairs on the tail have been trimmed back perfectly straight and then arranged in a neat pile beside the carcass. (*Saga Magazine*, New York City, "The Killer Cult Terrorizing Mid-America" by Keith Randolph.)

The only so-called "clue" was a scalpel left beside one carcass. But that, too, was only a calling card, an article of military surplus anyone could buy very easily. Why does anyone ever leave a calling card? There's one and only one reason: to let people know who's been there to visit.

The Phantom Surgeons of the Plains

No one claims to have ever seen those visitors, but they've been called many things. The most descriptive might be, "The Phantom Surgeons of the Plains," and also of the mountains, canyons, woodlands and barn lots. At least one thing about them has been universally admired: the unvarying high quality excellence of their work. Everyone who has ever seen it has been astonished at the beautiful precision of everything they do.

"No blood."

"No footprints."

"No tracks."

"Cut away with surgical expertise."

"Cut with a scalpel."

"There is not known way to cut those areas that have a terrific blood supply without some hemorrhaging."

"Sharp instruments have been used to take the organs out."

"Not a track."

"The meat was untouched."

"Somebody's playing games with us."

"The teats were removed slick as a whistle," she said (Billings, Montana)

"Its fetus had been removed."

"What could do that is anybody's guess."

"Where do you find people who can do this?"

"All blood had been drained away in an unexplained manner." (Missoula, Montana)

"The hairs were cut very sharply around the wounds." (Jackson Hole, Wyoming)

"There just aren't any predators that can remove parts as cleanly as they've been removed." (Portland, Oregon)

"It has to be done with something better than anything we've got on this earth; something we don't know about." (Durand, Wisconsin)

"You hear a lot of speculation about little green men from outer space and about predators doing this. But these people are pretty precise with their work." (Jackson Hole, Wyoming)

"This one," Sheriff George Yarnell of Elizabeth, Colorado, commented almost casually, "had been eating. Grass was still hanging from the half opened mouth." (*Los Angeles Times*, Los Angeles, California)

"The veterinarian described it as a high class surgical job requiring skill and technique beyond the capabilities of any known person in this area, profession or not." (Colorado Springs, Colorado)

"The calf had been pulled half way out of the cow's body and its tongue cut out."

"Whoever's doing this definitely knows what he's doing."

"The cuts were clean, like they had been done with a razor - they could not have been done by another animal."

"I'd like to see the predator that can cut perfect circles in a critter's hide. It must have an 18-inch snout and 20-inch razor sharp teeth and carry a knife." (Logan County Sheriff Tex Graves)

"The hide was removed by someone who did not puncture the tissue layer directly under the hide. It was better than I could do if I were trying. It was really an expert job." (El Paso County Coroner)

"Done by somebody with a good knowledge of anatomy, someone who knows how to do the job with the least cuts."

"We're puzzled how they achieved it."

"Too far back in her mouth to have been bitten off by coyotes or buzzards or anything like that."

"Hide was taken in each case, but no meat."

"A very sharp knife of some kind, a very professional and neat job."

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"Unborn calf removed and taken away, udder and lips cut away, no fragment of tissue left behind, no tracks, directly behind the barn, all blood had been pumped." (Haigler, Nebraska)

"Microscopic examination showed no hemorrhaging around the cuts."

"No profit motive, the parts aren't worth anything."

"Dr. Clair Hibbs, veterinarian with Nebraska University, said the animal died from liver destruction and fluids in the heart." (Dodge City, Kansas)

"There should have been signs of clotted blood in her organs or veins and there wasn't any." (La Salle County, Texas)

"Cut open at the ribs, with the heart excised."

"Mutilated by human being, not predators."

"They needed sophisticated equipment to do this."

"You can't hide a knife wound very well."

"Chasing ghosts."

"It is no longer possible to blame predators for these mutilations." (Colorado Governor Richard D. Lamm)

Helicopters

How do the phantom visitors come and go to do all this fancy work? Many people think they use helicopters, since strange helicopter activities seem to increase and decrease proportionately to mutilations in any given area.

Helicopters have been seen hovering and landing near cattle and have also been fired on and pursued by day and by night, but never successfully. Many ranchers think mutilators can come and go, locating and transporting their prey via helicopter. This is why they can do those things without leaving any clues. What has been taken for rotor wash has been seen near mutilations, but no wheel prints or skid marks have ever been identified.

Officialdom has gone to great lengths to reassure everyone that helicopters have never been involved, since they are also used extensively for upper level industrial, political and military activities and aren't too hard for vigilant citizens with high powered rifles to shoot out of the sky. A couple of Ft. Carson soldiers were forced down in eastern Colorado. while working on their chopper, they looked up and into the big barrels of a circle of guns. One false move and they'd have had it. chopper pilots have learned to be careful, fly high and cancel unnecessary business over cattle mutilation country.

Bright Light Beams

A number of people in eastern Colorado have been "chased" by unidentified and apparently unmarked helicopters.

The Ranchland Farm News, Simla Colorado, July 24, 1975:

"Helicopters Menaces Girls

Several persons, including Elbert County Sheriff George Yarnell, have seen a helicopter flying at night with an intense light trained on the ground. Now, two incidents of a helicopter menacing teenage girls have been reported to the *Ranchland Farm News*. In the most recent incident, I (editor) happened to be at the scene as it returned an hour after 'chasing' three 15-year-old girls south of Ramah last Thursday evening."

The story goes on to say the same chopper came back a third time at 11 p.m., hovering over the barn and shining a brilliant light down. The next issue identifies in a big front page picture of the helicopter that it is a Bell Ranger, a

type flown by the U. S. Army, the National Guard and also privately. In eastern Colorado, choppers have chased people in cars and on tractors, as well as hovering over houses and barns, generally terrifying people. It is not known for sure that helicopters are related to cattle mutilations, but many people are convinced they must be. (*The Denver Post*, August 27, 1975)

The brilliant ground light is believed to be used to spot cattle, so ranchers, sheriffs and newsmen have spent many nights parked on some vantage point or even flying in a plane in radio contact with radar equipment and watching for strange lights.

"The light is described as 'very, very powerful' by the four or five persons sighting the aircraft when the light was on." (*The Costilla County Valley Courier*, Alamosa, Colorado, October 2, 1975)

"It hovered over the barn and had a brilliant light shining underneath," Mrs. Fuchs said. "Once you see that light, you will never forget it," another witness said. (*Ranchland Farm News*, Simla, Colorado, July 24, 1975) But what is the mysterious light phenomenon associated with mutilations?

Silent Helicopters?

Sometimes these brilliant lights playing over the area have been seen in one place. They they go off only to reappear again at a distance, but noiselessly, which is all very eerie and spine-tingling for the observers. Strange to say, many of these helicopter sightings, even in the daytime and at close range, are reported to be noiseless. This is true of local reports and also of others coming from other states.

It is believed by some ranchers that occasionally a path of wilted and parched grass, possibly associated with the intense light, leads to where an animal has been felled. There will be a swath of wilted grass and the mutilated animal inside it.

"The grass looked like lettuce when you put hot grease on it," at the scene of a mutilation. One investigator "had plans to send grass samples to Billings, Montana for analysis at Exxon's Laboratories." (*The Billings Gazette*, Billings, Montana, June 1975)

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