



More Half Cat Reports: San Jose and Seattle

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Cat cut in half discovered in front yard of south San Jose, California, home, on August 16, 2005, about 4:00 PM. Photograph
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August 22, 2005 San Jose, California - On August 16, 2005, I received the following email from Thomas G. Holford, a San Jose, California resident:

"Linda:

Today, August 16, 2005, about 4:00 PM, I was walking in a residential neighborhood in south San Jose, California, when I noticed the remains of an orange cat, in two pieces, on the front lawn of a home.

I was on my way to a business meeting, but stopped long enough to snap some pictures. Attached are digital photos of the scene.

On my way to the meeting, I stopped at an animal clinic and reported the incident to the staff, and they indicated that they would call animal control. Ten minutes later, I phoned the clinic and suggested that they might call the police and have the police secure the area. The clinic reported that they had called animal control, and that animal control was on their way to the site.

In my quick observation of the carcass, I did not observe any blood, which suggested that the carcass may have been dropped there after the cat had been killed. Also, the fur of the cat seems to have been rather mussed up and "ungroomed".

This incident is particularly significant since San Jose had been the location of cat mutilations several years back. [See **100399 Earthfiles.**]

As a probably unrelated, but possibly bizarre sidelight to this incident, the house on whose front yard the cat carcass was found was the site of a suicide several years ago. One might speculate that cultists of some sort were somehow linking the cat death to a known "death house." But this may be giving cultists too much credit for record keeping and planning.

Regards,

Tom Holford

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I talked with the veterinarian's office, which had no information about further Animal Control follow-up on the cat's body. If anyone has any more information about cat mutilations in San Jose, please contact me: earthfiles@earthfiles.com.

August 16, 2005, Photographs Taken
by Tom Holford, in South San Jose, California



Three days before the San Jose, California, discovery, the Federal Way Police and King County Animal control in Seattle, Washington, confirmed they have in their recent animal mutilation files three cats and one dog since May 2005, bringing the total in the greater Seattle/Oak Harbor/Anacortes/Burlington/Mt. Vernon region to at least fourteen. The most recent were two cat victims in August.



"Pet owners warned of mutilations

Federal Way Police and King County Animal Control are putting the word out to pet owners to keep their critters safe following a rash of mutilations.

Four incidents have been reported since May two in August. In all but one case, the victims were cats. A small dog was also mutilated. (3 cats and 1 dog)

Animal Control is investigating the attacks. Officials said the attacks occurred within a certain area. The animals' remains were found within South 320th Street to the south, First Way South to the west, Southwest Dash Point Road to the north and Pacific Highway South to the east.

The Police Department on Thursday asked for anyone with information about the incidents to call the criminal investigations section at **(253) 835-6734."**

Background: On July 14, 2005, Earthfiles reported about "Half Cats in Oak Harbor and Seattle Region."

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"Now it's happening again in Seattle and the surrounding region, including Oak Harbor. Oak Harbor is a town of about 19,000 people, of which 6,000 work for the Whidbey Island Naval Air Station and Ault Field. Whidbey Island is the longest island in the continental United States and is surrounded by the waters of Puget Sound. By car, Oak Harbor is about 1.5 hours north of Seattle and two hours south of Vancouver, British Columbia.

I talked with Oak Harbor's Animal Control Officer, Terry Sampson, this week who confirmed his office has seven half cat cases. There were three more this past weekend in Anacortes and several more in Burlington, Mt. Vernon and Seattle. He said that he and the other city animal control officers are convinced the culprits are coyotes.

But when I talked to one Oak Harbor resident who found only the upper half of her cat, she rejected the coyote explanation. She did not want to comment for radio, but she told me where her half cat laid in the grass was 'quite tidy.' She compared the cat's upper half to a 'glove puppet,' meaning it resembled a child's puppet toy that is empty inside and fits over a hand."

More Information:

For other Earthfiles reports about cat mutilations, see Earthfiles **Archives:**

- 07/28/2005 -- **Feedback on Half Cat Mystery**
- 07/14/2005 -- **More Half Cat Mutilations in Seattle, Washington Region**
- 09/12/2003 -- **More Domestic Cat Mutilations - Again in Bothell, Washington**
- 07/01/2003 -- **40 Small Animal Mutilations in Denver and 11 in Salt Lake City**
- 11/16/2002 -- **More Cat and Cow Mutilations: Colorado, Utah and Missouri**
- 05/31/2002 -- **Bloodless Cat Mutilations in Bellingham, Washington**
- 10/20/2001 -- **Dozen Mutilated Cats Found in San Diego, California**
- 09/08/2001 -- **23 "Half Cat" and 2 Deer Mutilations Since March: Austin, Texas**
- Law Enforcement**
- 08/12/2001 -- **Unusual Cat Deaths in Navarre, Florida and Austin, Texas**
- 11/18/1999 -- **Short Environmental Updates**
- 11/07/1999 -- **Environmental Updates and Calf Fetus Shocks Los Brazos, New Mexico**
- 11/05/1999 -- **Reward Offered As Cat Mutilations Continue in Toronto, Canada**
- 10/10/1999 -- **More Cat Mutilation Reports from Ft. Worth, TX; Toronto, Canada and Tucson, AZ**
- 10/03/1999 -- **Unusual Cat Deaths from London to San Jose, California**

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