



Part 3: Unusual Animal Deaths - Sheep Mutilations in Moortown, Dartmoor, England

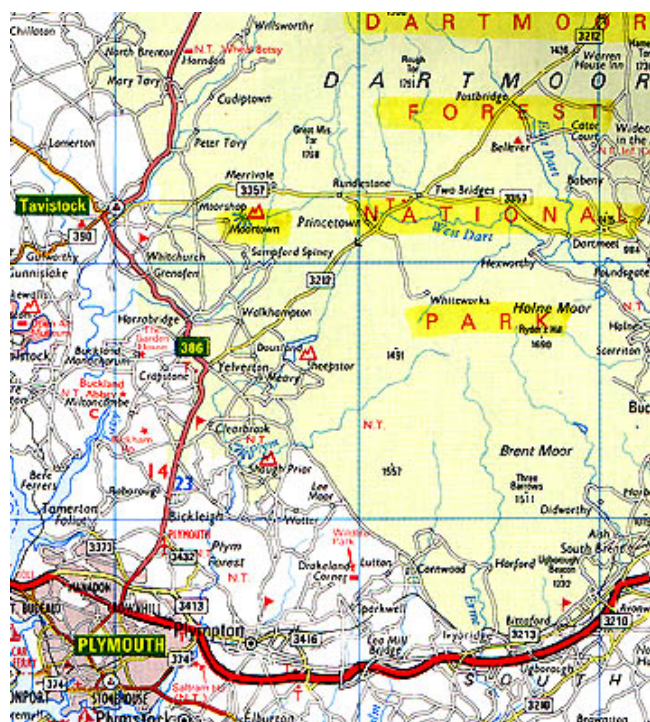
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Dartmoor Forest National Park is indicated by the yellow dot in southwestern England on the map above. Below in more detail and highlighted by yellow is Moortown east of Tavistock where the bloodless mutilations of thirteen sheep have occurred in 2005.

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Megalithic Mysteries describes the ancient Merrivale Stone Circle in Tavistock near Dartmoor where sheep graze: "Eleven stones in a circle varying in height from 30cm (1 foot) to 50cm (1 foot 6 inches). It is a flattened circle measuring 20.5m (67 feet 5 inches) E-W by 17.8m (58 feet 5 inches). A 3m (10-foot 4-inch) tall, slender stone stands at an azimuth of 182 degrees from the centre of the circle, suggesting an attempt for cardinal-point alignment. The axis of the ring is 88 degrees - 268 degrees, a similar suggested alignment." Photo © by *Megalithic Mysteries*.

November 2, 2005 Moortown, Dartmoor, England - In the 1970s, counties in southern England including Cornwall, Devon, Somerset, Dorset, Wiltshire and Hampshire had hundreds of people reporting strange, unidentified lights in the sky and on the ground; humanoids - tall and short; cattle herds being mysteriously transported at night from one farm to another (*The Dyfed Enigma* © 1979 by Randall Jones Pugh and F. W. Holiday); and unusual, bloodless animal deaths often referred to as "mutilations" because the same tissues are excised from animal to animal. Often it's an ear, an eye, the jaw flesh, the tongue removed deep within the throat sometimes along with trachea and esophagus; all or parts of genitals; and rectal and/or vaginal tissue cored out in deep, bloodless holes.

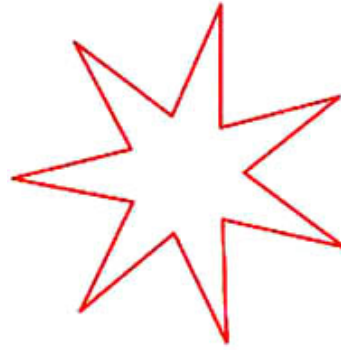
October 14 -15, 2005, Bloodless Mutilation of Six Sheep in Moortown, Dartmoor, England

Now in a second round of animal mutilations there in 2005, six sheep were found October 14 to 15 dead and bloodlessly excised on a farm in Moortown straight east of Tavistock in Dartmoor. The Dartmoor Forest National Park has long been famous for mysterious lights and sounds. One famous case in the region was in 1977 when more than a dozen ponies were found laid down in a circle, all their bodies crushed by an unknown force. Because the horses were laid in a circle, the event was linked to the disc-shaped UFOs that were seen so frequently at the time.

Earlier this year, there were seven other sheep mutilations in Moortown. The BBC news reported on January 13, 2005, *Black Magick On Dartmoor*.

"Dead sheep found in 'occult star.' Police in Devon (southern U.K. county) are investigating after seven sheep were found dead and arranged in an unusual pattern on Dartmoor. The sheep were found near Sampford Spiney (a little south of Moortown in map above) in Dartmoor County with their necks broken and their bodies in a pattern sometimes associated with the occult. The pattern was similar to the shape of a star, a heptagram, a mystical symbol sometimes used in occult ceremonies."

[Editor's Note:



Heptagon is a 7-sided star polygon.]

"Chris Cole, one of three farmers who owned the animals, said he thought it was lightning because 'that's what happens when any big group of animals dies like that.' He said when he discovered the animals were left in the seven-pointed shape, 'It scared some people and alarmed others, me included, being this close to home. I don't really know what's happened.'"

However, contrary to the BBC report, when you look at the two photographs below that one farm owner took of the January 2005 sheep deaths, there does not appear to be any seven star-shaped pattern in the way the animals' bodies were scattered in the field.



Five of the seven dead and mutilated sheep found on January 2, 2005. There is no heptagonal pattern and one wonders why the BBC suggested a 7-pointed star and an occult connection without evidence? Photograph © 2004 by one farm owner.



Four of the seven sheep found on January 2, 2005, dead, and bloodlessly mutilated in Moortown, Dartmoor, England. Photograph © 2005 by farm owner.

One British resident who was mystified by the 1977 crushed ponies decided to investigate both the January 2005 and October 2005 sheep mutilations. He is Michael Freebury, Financial Controller, Moreland Construction, Ltd., Walsall, West Midlands, England.

Interview:

Michael Freebury, Financial Controller, Moreland Construction Ltd., Walsall, West Midlands, England: "First, on October 14, 2005, four sheep were discovered killed on the property of one of the same farm owners victimized on January 2, 2005. Strange though it seems, the next day on Tuesday, October 15, 2005, two more dead and mutilated sheep were found in another field not far away next to a road. All six sheep had their necks broken. So, I asked the lady who owned the sheep in Moortown if she would please go and check the mouths and tell me if there were any tongues missing. She did check and the tongues had been excised from all six sheep in just the same sort of fashion that has occurred in other animal mutilations such as the ones you've reported about, Linda.

What's amazing is that those first seven mutilated sheep in Moortown, Dartmoor, in January 2005 all had their necks twisted and broken. Now ten months later, these six sheep in October 2005 - also in Moortown - have their necks twisted and broken, too.

I spoke to the vet at some length about this and he stated in his opinion that he knew instances in which sheep had their necks broken through rearing up and the head twisting. But to happen *seven times* was 'absolutely extraordinary.' Those are his words, not mine. Then to happen *again* to six sheep!?

DID THE VET EXAMINE ANY OF THE MUTILATED ANIMALS?

He made the comment there was no blood. This is what astonished the people because there was no blood anywhere in either group of bizarre killings in January or now in October 2005.

There is another thing as well regarding the two sheep that were found dead on Saturday, October 15. On one of the sheep, the eye that was showing had been completely removed. And on the other dead sheep, *both* eyes had been removed. If the sheep was lying down, you can't explain the bottom missing eye as the work of predators. The farmer himself said to me: 'I've never seen anything like that before.' Remember, these are people who have farmed sheep all their lives and know everything there is to know about sheep and natural predators of sheep.

DID THE MOORTOWN FARM OWNER SEE OR HEAR ANYTHING UNUSUAL IN THE SKY?

Nothing unusual at all. This is one of the strange things: the first set of killings in January 2005, took place in an area that was really only 100 yards or so from a farm where there were very alert dogs and a rookery. The rooks are well known for raising an alarm when there is unusual activity. It's quite extraordinary how the mutilators could have interacted with the sheep and nobody knew what the hell was going on! It's really, really strange.

Time and time again, we have these stories where the mutilators come, they do the killings and are gone again, but nobody sees or hears anything. The police have not a clue. They sent a forensic team to look at the one set of bodies. Now, I haven't spoken to the police. I don't know what it's like in the United States, but in Britain the police will tell you nothing.

WERE THERE ANY SIGNS OF STRUGGLE ON THE GROUND?

No, no tracks. There were some stones allegedly placed which people are claiming gave some sort of occult significance, but to be honest, we're in an area where witchcraft has long been discussed and many strange things have happened. It's not far from the major town of Tavistock, which is a very nice market town. But the area where the sheep killings occurred is extremely remote.

Why Repeated Unusual Animal Deaths in Dartmoor, England?

WHAT IS IT ABOUT THE DARTMOOR AREA THAT MAKES IT THE FOCUS OF UNUSUAL ANIMAL DEATHS SINCE AT LEAST THE 1970s?

It's very difficult to say because I have been wracking my brain to think what the common denominator is. But I have a very good idea who is doing this.

DO YOU MEAN EXTRATERRESTRIAL BIOLOGICAL ENTITIES?

Well, you can draw your own conclusions.

THAT'S WHAT LAW ENFORCEMENT HAS TOLD ME OVER THE PAST THREE DECADES IN THIS COUNTRY ON AND OFF THE RECORD.

You are not off the mark with that. I cannot understand what else could do it.

WHAT IS THE AGENDA? WHY THE FOCUS OVER AND OVER DECADE AFTER DECADE IN CERTAIN PARTS OF THE WORLD IN THE SAME GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS?

It might have something to do with the terrain. I don't know. Dartmoor is very remote. So is Shropshire, closer to me, where there have been a number of animal mutilations close to the Welsh border, which is also remote and mountainous. We've also had mutilations in Scotland and North Yorkshire. The common denominator with these killings appears to be that the animal victims, particularly in England, appear to be sheep which are free ranging animals.

I don't know whether that is a key to the attacks. Sometimes they can be attacked in fields or ranging on open moor land. I am confused by the fact that in the U.S, the animals attacked appear to be principally cattle and horses. But are those cattle and horses ranging over a large area?

THE CATTLE USUALLY ARE RANGE ANIMALS, BUT NOT THE HORSES. IN THE UNITED STATES, EVEN THOUGH CATTLE HAVE PREDOMINATED, HORSES WERE THE FIRST REPORTED MUTILATED ANIMALS IN CANADA AND THEN IN COLORADO BEFORE ANY REPORTS OF CATTLE.

[Editor's Note: The pet horse, Lady, was killed and mutilated in September 1967 near Alamosa, Colorado. See *An Alien Harvest* © 1989 by Linda Moulton Howe in **Earthfiles Shop**.]

AGAIN, WHY THE SPECIFIC AREAS? THE ANIMALS ARE NOT ALWAYS THE SAME TYPE, BUT THE SAME GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS ARE AFFECTED.

That's right. Are they looking at animals that are hardy animals that can live in rough terrain? Is that the key?

THAT WOULD NOT EXPLAIN THE CASES IN WHICH PEOPLE HAVE FOUND THEM 30 FEET OUTSIDE THE BACK OF THEIR RANCH HOUSE IN CORRALS. [Mutilated horse in Cripple Creek, Colorado, 1980.]

Yes. It's extremely difficult and complex to know what is really going on there, but it is a major problem here in the U. K. They are trying to keep a lid on it. The government won't admit anything.

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS HERE TEND TO SHY AWAY FROM ANY EXPLANATION EXCEPT SATANIC CULT, PREDATORS AND DISEASE, EVEN

WHEN THEY KNOW IT'S NOT TRUE.

Right, and in England what we tend to have is either explanations of the occult or an escaped panther or an escaped lion or something like that.

BUT I KNOW FROM STUDYING WHAT THOSE TYPES OF CATS DO TO ALL KINDS OF ANIMALS THAT THEY ALWAYS LEAVE CLAW MARKS AND BITE MARKS AND BLOOD.

Yes. This is the thing, there is no blood with these cases. It's almost like a vampire attack.

Mike Freebury's Investigation of January 2, 2005, Sheep Mutilations in Moortown, Dartmoor

I had been working on the April 1977 case in which fifteen ponies were found crushed. They were found mangled, broken legs, broken backs. Apparently there was very rapid decomposition. It was a very interesting case because it was reported quite rapidly in the U. K. press. Then the case suddenly died. It's very difficult to find anything, even on the internet about that particular case.

Then about four years ago, I was listening to BBC Radio and there was a discussion about government secrecy. During the program, it was mentioned about the incident on Dartmoor with the fifteen ponies and the fact that the incident was a major British government cover-up. So, I picked up on this and decided I would investigate it further which I have done since.

As a result of that investigation, I have started to look at other cases of strange animal deaths within the Dartmoor area. In February of this year, I was told by somebody who was monitoring news reports that there had been some unusual sheep killings in the Dartmoor area. So, I went through the newspapers and managed to pick up the BBC communiqué about it which was put down as an occult killing.

A few weeks passed before I had a chance to go to Dartmoor and interview people who had seen the January 2, 2005, sheep bodies as well as owners who had lost the sheep. There were three farmers involved in those seven sheep deaths. The press and the TV neither of which had bothered to go to the scene of the crime described the sheep as being laid out in an heptagonal (7-pointed star) shape. I had a body map done, which was a composite of various eyewitness reports. I have to tell you that it's nothing like a heptagon. Those killings, in my opinion, had nothing to do with the occult. There was no blood. The necks had all been broken.

Something else to all of this: the sheep prior to death were actually corralled in two very small areas about six yards apart. They were held in those areas for what must have been twenty minutes to half an hour. We know that from the ground - the tracks indicated how long the sheep had been there. It also appears each sheep was taken and killed one-by-one. It's extraordinary from the tracks that the sheep had been contained within two areas and yet there were no indications that the sheep had panicked and struggled to get away. They had obviously been sedated in some way. All seven sheep also had some sort of marks on them prod marks.

WHEN YOU SAY PROD MARKS, I THINK OF EITHER A HOLE OR BURNING?

It was not burning. The vet was very confused about this, but he said he thought it was something to do with a sharp instrument.

TO DO WHAT ON THEM?

This is what I found very confusing. We've seen other similar markings on other mutilation cases where there has been a small bruising on the animals underneath the soft tissue underneath the legs. Those seven sheep in January 2005 had those markings.

ALL UNDERNEATH THE FRONT LEGS.

Underneath the front and rear legs., underneath all four legs.

WERE YOU ABLE TO CONFIRM IF THERE WAS A PUNCTURE HOLE IN THEM ONE-QUARTER INCH IN DIAMETER EXTENDING AN INCH INTO THE BODY IN ANY OF THOSE MARKS?

I could not do that unfortunately. By the time I went down to investigate, which was actually the first of April 2005. Keep in mind, this happened nearly four months earlier in early January. So, it was a cold case and I was relying on the witnesses and their recollections of the time.

But there was another dimension to this. That was an eighth sheep that escaped and it was found in a gully and it was deeply traumatized. It had the same markings as the seven dead sheep, but it was traumatized enough to bolt and ran across a cattle grid, which is absolutely incredible! That sheep was not discovered for 24 hours. It never ate and it was in a very distressed state. Whatever it witnessed must have been quite horrific.

Those are basically the circumstances of the seven dead sheep that were found on January 2, 2005. This was largely put down as an occult sect that had done this and many people felt that was what had happened. But I had my doubts because there were certain aspects of it which could not be explained. I then warned the people in the area, 'They will be back.' I said, 'If it happens again, you must call me.' And ten months later in October, it happened all over again."

More information:

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