



### Unusual Animal Deaths in Garland County, Arkansas

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Unusual animal deaths occurred in northern Garland County, Arkansas, west of Little Rock, from November 2005 into February 2006.

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**April 21, 2006 Hot Springs, Arkansas** - The worldwide animal mutilation mystery that I've investigated since the fall of 1979, is most commonly reported for cattle and horses. But wild animals such as deer and elk have also been found with their rectums cored out and sexual organs removed along with jaw flesh, tongue, eye and ear - with no signs of blood. In fact, several pathology examinations of tissue in mutilated animals have confirmed cauterization with a cutting instrument hot enough to prevent bleeding. In addition to cattle, horses and wild animals, every kind of farm and domestic animal has also been affected, including house pets such as cats and dogs. Those cases are especially terrible because the pet owners are devastated to find a beloved dog or cat dead with its paws cut off, or head cut off, or even skinned.

Now, comes news from Garland County, Arkansas west of Little Rock, that since November 2005 into this spring, a cow and three pigs have been cut open, as well as puppies and cats cut up strangely, and a beagle dog was literally skinned alive. Concerned residents in Hot Springs and animal activists from People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, known as PETA, raised \$21,000 reward money for information leading to the arrest of the perpetrators. Local young boys and teenagers are suspected by the Garland County Sheriff's Office because at least one bragged about killing the cats and skinning the dog. Yet, so far no person has been arrested or arraigned for any of the assaults.

This week, I talked with Garland County Sheriff's Capt. David Ray Shoptaw about the animal attacks and deaths - especially two dogs with bloodless holes in their heads. Their respective rectums were also cored out in deep, bloodless holes which the veterinarian said must have been done with a cauterizing instrument. Capt. Shoptaw has worked in the Sheriff's Office for 24 years and now heads up the Criminal Investigation Division. He told me he has never seen anything before in his law enforcement career in which animals have been attacked like this.

#### Interview:



Capt. Ray Shoptaw, Head, Criminal Investigation Division (CID),  
Garland County Sheriff's Office, Hot Springs, Arkansas.  
Image courtesy Garland County Sheriff's Office.

**Capt. Ray Shoptaw, Head, Criminal Investigation Division (CID), Garland County Sheriff's Office, Hot Springs, Arkansas:** "We had one cow killed. Then we had two dogs that were killed very strangely. Then we had two cats that were killed. Then we had a dog that was skinned alive. Ran back home with its skin dragging behind him.

WHAT HAPPENED IN THE STRANGE CASES OF THE TWO DOGS?

OK. The two dogs were both, we thought, shot in the head at first, because there was a little bit of blood and there was some kind of round, cylindrical hole in their heads. But there was no exit wounds and when we had the vet do an x-ray on them, there was no bullet. So, it might have been some kind of large, round, sharp metal instrument. But it looked like they took a scalpel that cauterizes as it cuts and they cut their anuses out in about the size of 3-inch hole. And then they grabbed ahold of that and started pulling and they pulled everything they could pull out and as they pulled, they cut the little muscles and stuff that are hung to the body in there. They pulled everything out all the way up to the rear portion of the stomach. They left probably about 6 inches of where the intestines run out of the stomach.



**Above:** Smooth-haired dog found dead in February 2006, with neat, cylindrical-shaped hole into bone near eye.

**Below:** Same dog's rectum bloodless cored out in 3-inch-wide hole. All interior organs up to the stomach were cleanly removed. 2006 photographs courtesy Garland County Sheriff's Office.



**Above:** Fluffy-haired dog laid out next to smooth-haired dog with both their internal organs placed in a line between the two dogs. This second dog also had a cylindrical-shaped hole in its head, but at the top of its skull. **Below:** Fluffy-haired dog's rectum was bloodless cored out the same as the smooth-haired dog laying next to it. 2006 photographs courtesy Garland County Sheriff's Office.



Both dogs were laid kind of parallel to one another and those internal parts they had taken out were laid in between the two dogs in a straight line.

The point about this is that the vet said the excisions around the rectums were totally clean – no blood. There was no blood whatsoever, except for what was up there by the holes in the heads.

WAS THE ABDOMINAL MATERIAL THAT WAS LAID OUT BETWEEN THE TWO DOGS ALL THAT HAD BEEN IN BOTH OF THEM? OR WAS SOME MISSING?

No, there was nothing missing that we know of.

WHERE EXACTLY WAS THE HOLE IN THE SKULL?

The hole in the skull on one dog was near an eye and the other was right in the top of the head.

WAS THE ONE NEAR THE EYE RIGHT IN THE CENTER OF THE FOREHEAD?

No.

LIKE TO THE LEFT OR RIGHT?

Yes, that's why we thought it was a shot.

THE OTHER WAS RIGHT AT THE TOP OF THE HEAD?

Right.

WHAT'S INTERESTING TO ME IS THAT I HAVE BEEN IN PUERTO RICO WHERE THERE HAVE BEEN UNUSUAL ANIMAL DEATHS THAT HAVE INVOLVED GOATS AND SHEEP AND DOGS AND RABBITS, AND ONE OF THE STRANGE HALLMARKS OF THOSE CASES WERE BLOODLESS HOLES OFTEN IN THE FOREHEAD, BUT SOMETIMES AT THE BOTTOM OF THE JAW, THE TOP OF THE HEAD, OR ON THE BREASTBONE.

Well (these holes) were the only place where there was any blood. There was no blood back there (rectums). It was almost like if there had not been the blood on the head, it was almost like it was done somewhere else and brought back there and laid down. But there was the blood around the head – just a little bit, not much.

WAS THAT BLOOD AROUND THE HEAD ON ONLY ONE OF THE DOGS OR BOTH?

It was around both.

WHERE THE HOLE PENETRATED INTO THE SKULL, ONE AT THE SIDE OF THE EYE AND ONE AT THE TOP OF THE HEAD.

Yes.

DID A VETERINARIAN PATHOLOGIST LOOK AT IT UNDER A MICROSCOPE TO DETERMINE?

That, I don't know. All I know is that we had it taken to a vet to have 'autopsy' done and that was the findings she sent me back.

THAT THERE WAS CAUTERY.

That it appeared, yes, cauterized

THERE HAVE BEEN OTHER REPORTS FROM VETERINARIAN PATHOLOGISTS IN SOME UNUSUAL ANIMAL DEATHS ALSO SAYING 'CUT WITH HIGH HEAT' OR SOME KIND OF CAUTERY.

Yes, I have seen that. I have looked up a lot of that on the computer. It's the strangest thing I've ever seen in my life!

YEAH. AND THESE ANIMALS, WERE THEY OWNED BY TWO DIFFERENT OWNERS?

Both the dogs were owned by one man. He lived down the road. They were taken from his yard and taken to another road near his house and left up there. Then he missed the dogs and he started looking and that's where he found them.

## Beagle's Entire Hide Removed While Alive

DID THE DOG THAT WAS SKINNED ALIVE DIE?

Yes, it did die. When it came home. The lady had left her house at about 12:15 p.m. and she was going to work. She got a call on her cell phone about fifteen minutes later, around 12:30 p.m. A neighbor said, "I just saw your dog run by with blood all over it."

She turned around immediately and went home. And the dog was around behind the house with its skin cut off. And so she picked it up, took it to the vet, and the vet – there were so many blood vessels cut from the skin there was no way to hook it all back up. So, the skin would have died. There wasn't any way to do anything. So, what they did was give the dog medicines to keep it from hurting and just let it die. That's pretty sick, huh?

YES, IT IS. I'M CURIOUS ABOUT THE TIMELINE. WERE THE FIRST UNUSUAL ANIMAL DEATHS THE TWO DOGS WITH THE HOLES IN THEIR HEAD?

No, actually the cow was first.

RIGHT AFTER THAT, IS THAT WHEN THE TWO DOGS WERE KILLED?

Probably about two or three weeks later, maybe four weeks, about a month later. As a crow flies, the cow was relatively close to where the two dogs were. And then it was another three weeks or so before the little dog was skinned.

SO, THE REAL MYSTERY IS THE TWO DOGS WITH THE HOLES IN THEIR HEADS?

That's a mystery to me. That's the mystery to me. The skinning could be done by someone. But how would somebody do that other? That just blows my mind!

TO CORE OUT THE RECTUMS WITHOUT BLOOD, TAKE OUT THE ABDOMINAL TISSUE AND LEAVE TWO HOLES IN THE SKULLS.

Yes.

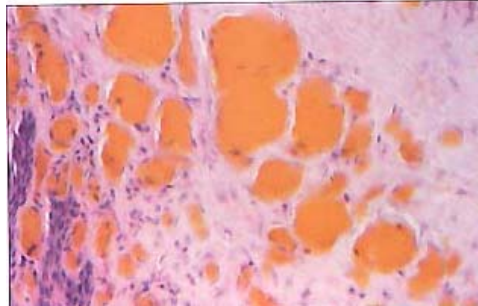
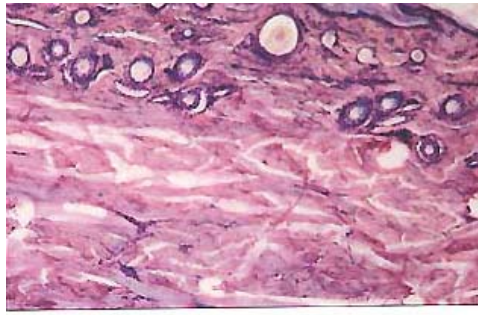
AND THE VET DID CONFIRM CAUTERY?

The vet didn't confirm it. The vet said it appeared to be done with something that caused the bleeding to stop and that it was very clean and precise. That's just about what her words were.

BUT WITHOUT EXPLANATION.

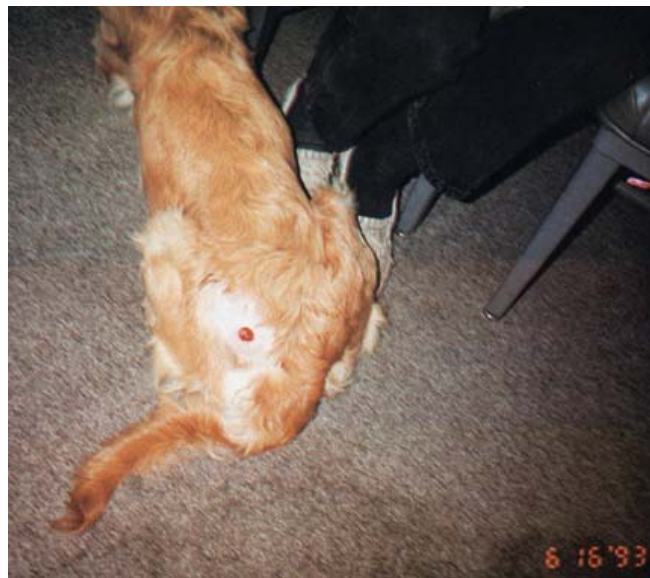
Absolutely!"

## Cauterizing Instrument in Unusual Animal Deaths?



**Above:** Normal cow collagen, the fibrous constituent of connective tissue.  
**Below:** Cooked hemoglobin along the cut line in the belly of a cow found dead and mutilated in Hope, Arkansas, in 1989. Photomicrographs © 1989 by John Alshuler, M. D.

The issue of lasers comes up in the animal mutilation cases because often the clean, bloodless excisions appear darkened on the edge and feel harder than normal tissue. In fact, pathologist John Alshuler, M. D., pathologist and hematologist, confirmed in more than thirty cases between 1989 and 1995 that the tissue had been cut with high heat. But he was puzzled by the lack of carbon residue in the mutilated animals he examined. All Earth life is carbon-based. The application of lasers to tissue, animals or humans, leaves a carbon residue which was never seen microscopically on any of the animal mutilation tissue. What was the cutting instrument? Was the cutting down by sound, not by light or burning?



**M**ysteriously on June 16, 1993, a plug of tissue was bloodlessly removed from a dog in West Hennepin, Minnesota. Photograph by Minnesota's West Hennepin Public Safety Department.

Todd Boelter, a police officer with the West Hennepin Public Safety Department outside St. Paul, and Chief of Police Larry Bailey, were puzzled by the lack of tracks and blood in a horse mutilation and bloodlessly "biopsied" dog in the second week of June, 1993. Police Officer Boelter told me in an interview that a veterinarian brought the dog to the police department, alive but with a hole in its left hip near the tail bone. The hole was one-half inch wide and two inches deep. The hole was dry and bloodless. The veterinarian said, "The injury was possibly made by an electrical probe, like a cattle prod, because the injury did not bleed." The dog continued to heal afterward.



Half-cat photographed by Plano (Texas) Police Officer, Mike Box,  
for Incident Report # 91-44994, August 31, 1991.

Since the 1970s, there have also been waves of cat mutilations in Canada, England, California, Texas, Florida, Virginia and other parts of the United States. One cycle began in May 1992 in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. Typical was a purebred Russian blue cat that was put out in the evening and never came back. The back half of the cat was found three blocks from its owner's home without a trace of blood. It was the fourth cat found cut in half in a two week period. Only half cats were found - either the back or front half, but not both. By January 10, 1993, Vic Warren, Supervisor of Animal Control for the Vancouver City Pound, had opened a file on seven cats found cut in half. "They're clearly being butchered by someone - it's a real surgical job," he said. "All I hope is that these cats were already dead when they were cut in half."

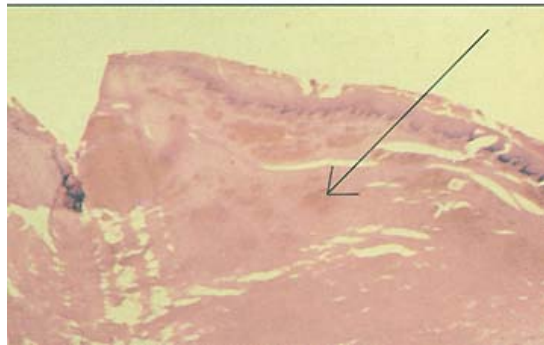
On March 1993, Dr. John Altshuler in Denver received one of the Vancouver half-cats for examination and confirmed that the entire excision had been cut with high heat.

Similar reports of cats cut in half emerged in the summer of 1991, the spring of 1993 and at least twice more in the early 2000 to 2005 period in Plano, Texas, an affluent suburb north of Dallas.

I talked with Plano Police Detective Mike Box. In addition to the half cats, by August 1991 the police had missing reports filed on more than eighty domestic house cats that had collars and I. D. tags. None of those cats were ever found. In 1993, other animals disappeared from nearby Creek-Forest neighborhoods. Detective Box and his department investigated satanic cult activities, but could find no hard evidence that connected them to the mutilated and missing cats and other animals, such as dogs.

Thirteen years before in 1978, authorities in St. Catharine's near Toronto, Canada, were also frustrated by more than one hundred missing cats and dogs and others found skinned and badly mutilated.

Similarly by August 1989, sixty-seven cats had been found in Tustin, California. *The New York Times* reported on August 13, 1989, "Some of them (were) cut in half with what some say is almost surgical precision, others disemboweled or skinned." Janet Hampson of Tustin summed up the eeriness of it all: "There is never any blood at the scene, the animals are often dismembered with surgical precision and paws and other body parts are often left on the ground in strikingly similar arrangements. No one ever seems to hear anything, nor do dogs bark during the killing." She believes the cats are captured, taken elsewhere, their blood drained and organs removed, then replaced on their owners' lawns.



**Top:** Headless rabbit found at Sound Beach, Long Island, New York, on April 21, 1990.  
**Middle:** Second rabbit with right eye and surrounding eye tissue removed, found a few hundred feet from first rabbit at Sound Beach, Long Island, New York, on April 21, 1990. **Bottom:** Photomicrograph of Sound Beach, Long Island, rabbit tissue which showed the hemoglobin had been exposed to high heat. All photographs by John Altshuler, M. D.

If you have any information about the unusual animal deaths in Garland County, Arkansas, please contact Capt. Ray Shoptaw at **501-622-3690**.

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