



Chupacabra

What is the Chupacabra?

One of the most gruesome mysteries that has baffled experts and farmers alike is the mutilated corpses of cattle and other farm animals. The current theory that reigns today is that the animals are their victim of the creature known as "El Chupacabra". So named by the South American countries where this supposed creature seems to concentrate its attentions. The chupacabra or as it is sometimes known - the goat sucker, so called because it was the blood drained corpses of goats that brought this phenomenon to light, has been seen in several continents. There have been reports from the Caribbean Islands, South America, and even reports from Inland America. For some time now there have been worldwide reports of cattle mutilations, with farmers and ranchers discovering that their cattle had been attacked by some creature. The original attacks reported on goats showed precision marks on their necks where blood had apparently been sucked from their bodies. The mutilated corpses of cattle showed several differences, and the wounds were horrendous. Often cattle were found with their jaw flesh missing, they would have had their eyes removed or even as far as having internal organs removed. This, however, is where the mystery takes on a puzzling course. These cattle are not simply slaughtered and hacked to death, far from it, they seem to have body parts removed with remarkable precision.

So what kind of creature would have the ability to perform such a skill?. Although the modern day theory is that this beast known as the chupacabra is responsible, back in the 60's there was no mention to a specific creature that may be the cause of these horrific attacks. As the decades have rolled by, and as the mutilations continue, the chupacabra has become the public's favourite for the attacks.

The first of many

Date: September 9, 1967.

Location: Alamosa County, Colorado.

On 9 September 1967, in Alamosa County, Colorado, the first reported case of a mutilated animal came to light. The victim was a young colt called Lady. She was found with her flesh stripped from the neck upwards. Dr. John Altshuler was in charge of the subsequent pathology examination, in which he was amazed to discover the animal's brain, spine and internal organs, including the heart, had been removed with incredible skill and precision. As with so many cases that were to follow, the animal had been drained of all blood, yet there were no blood stains

around or on the animal. This was something that would baffle the experts alike. How does a creature die from such wounds, and how would an animal cause them.

Under further investigation, a small sample of flesh was placed under a microscope. What Dr. Altshuler discovered amazed him. The edges of the flesh were stained black as if it had been burnt or possibly cauterized, as if done by a modern laser. In 1967, technology wasn't sufficiently progressed for a laser to have been available at the time. Yet this is what the flesh showed. All examinations of the area where the animal was discovered showed no signs of any other animal or human having been present. There were no track marks or footprints to be found, only those made by the colt. This was the beginning in a long line of reported mutilations in Colorado. Later in the year there were a wave of reports from the Midwest, including Alabama, Iowa and Texas. There have since been similar reports from Canada, Australia, South America and even Britain.

The Signs of Attack

Most but not all mutilations involve cattle. There have also been reports of attacks on goats, cats, sheep, and even domesticated animals, such as dogs. There have never been any reports that the dead animal has put up a struggle. Even where the animal has been discovered in snow, the area surrounding the animal has shown no trace of either blood or hoof prints. In most cases internal organs, eyes, ears, tongues, jaw flesh and even genitalia can be removed.

And the mutilations continue

As the reports came flooding in, the speculation as to the cause of these horrific attacks grew. The theories put forward included alien beings transporting the cattle in to UFO's, where upon they were mutilated for some scientific reason. A more common theory is that they are the result of an unknown species called the "chupacabras". This animal is said to have caused these horrendous mutilations. The obvious problem with this, is, how would an animal cause these kinds of wounds?

Theories

From the very beginning, this phenomenon has baffled investigators and pathologists alike. Many ranchers and local people are convinced that these attacks are not the work of local wildlife. Further studies concluded that the mutilations were not the work of local predators. Then a theory that satanic cults were responsible. This was soon rejected as a possibility after exhaustive operations by Canadian and American authorities. The next theory put forward was that government agencies were using the cattle as test subjects for new chemical and biological weapons. Reports came in from local residents and farmers, that at the time of the attacks unmarked helicopters were seen in the skies. They believed them to be government from the government. The reports even went as far as to say that locals had actually been threatened by men in black uniforms.

Official explanations

Over the years, the US military and government agencies have repeatedly denied any involvement in these strange incidents. As far as the mutilations are concerned, the official explanation has always been the same - natural causes. Because of intense public pressure, the FBI launched a huge investigation into the phenomenon. In 1979 they delivered a 297-page report. Their finds were not met with public approval. They had decided that the mutilations were down to local predators. This enraged the farmers and ranchers, who took to shooting

at any low flying aircraft in their area.

Alien connection

Although the FBI were originally reluctant to be involved in the mystery, Timothy Good, a UFO author obtained a secret 1976 FBI report. The report had been the work of Officer Gabriel Valdez of the New Mexico State Police. After close inspection of the site of a mutilated cow, he had noticed unusual pod marks in the earth. These indentations were approximately 40 cm in diameter, and formed an exact triangle. He also discovered an oily substance in and around these depressions. Radiation levels were found to be higher than normal, and the immediate area around these tripod-like depressions was found to be scorched. To many this was what they had always suspected, that the killings "were by a creature not from our planet". When the case of the colt named "lady" came to light, it had coincided with a series of ufo sightings, and reports of strange lights in the area. As the reports of subsequent mutilations came in, they were followed by similar reports of ufo activity in the specific area. Some believed that the helicopters that people say they saw were actually ufo's disguised as helicopters.

Reports like these were plentiful for some years to come, and baffled every one, from ranchers to the local sheriffs. Claims that somehow Alien activity in the area was involved in these mutilations spawned a whole new era of theories, people believing that the Ufo's were somehow lifting these animals from the ground in order to carry out these horrific attacks. What was to follow in the 90's was even more bizarre, with the mutilations continuing, South American countries reported sightings of a mysterious and viscous creature. This beast came to be known as "El Chupacabras".