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In August 1991, several horses were assaulted in the neighbourhood of Fargelanda in Dalsland. It began when a mare, belonging to Marianne Gothberg, was cut around the vagina. Another of Mrs Gothbergs' horses was cut the following day, and a day after that a foal was found bleeding on a neighbouring farm. More horses in the area succumbed, and some 40 farmers formed a sort of equine "home guard". Pairs of farmers policed the roads

at night, armed with whatever weapons their farms could provide. They caught a suspicious individual one evening, and turned him over to the police; but he turned out to be a frightened bilberry picker who had lost his way.

Tord Haraldsson from Alingas, who belongs to the investigating task force, said that similar assaults in Denmark and the USA, have turned out to be sectarian rituals, where fanatics have been drinking horses' blood to gain strength. This is news to us; the widespread cattle mutilations accross the American Midwest in the last two decades are variousley blamed on cultists, aliens or government experimentation, but as far as we are aware no actual proof has ever been found to back up any of these hypothesis.

Several farmers and horse breeders appeared on the TV program. They stressed that several attacks had taken place almost in their presence, and couldn't understand why their horses had submitted without offering resistance. The perpetrator was like a phantom or a supernatural being. A vet said that the attacker had a good knowledge, not only of animal behaviour, but also of animal anatomy. Some of the wounds had been very professionally cut.

When the horses were turned out to pasture again after the winter, the Fargelanda "home guard" were again mobilised, and others were organised all over western Sweeden. The first mutilation of the year was reported in "Expressen" on 14 April. A mare was found at a place called Vitehall near Kyrkekvärn, bleeding from wounds in her vagina and hind legs. A "mysterious" red car driven by a young man sped away from the spot as the mare was found; but it was not clear at the time of the report how the wounds had been inflicted. The mare might have been kicked by another horse.

If anyone out there has any other info on animal mutilations, please e-mail it to me, I am :

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