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The following is taken from the "Fortean Times" a British publication which deals in strange happenings from around the world.

Swedish horse ripping.

For two or three years, someone-or something-has been attacking and mutilating horses and cows in western Sweeden. Around 200 horse attacks had been reported to the police when the mystery was brought to national attention by journalist Siewert Ohloms' TV programme "Svar direkt" on 25 Febuary 1992.

In the summer of 1989, the number of reports increased. In 90% of the incidents, the victims were horses, almost always assaulted in the same way. They were cut with a sharp, scalpel-like instrument, in or beside their sexual organs. The wounds were often 30cm long, and five or six cm deep. About 50% of the animals were so severely maimed that they had to be put down.

Most of the attacks were near main roads, and the origional police hypothesis was that a single madman or religious fanatic was motoring from one enclosed pasture to another; then several horses seemed to have been assaulted in different places at the same time, although this is not certain. According to Marie Raden, police investigator in the Vanesborg district it requires an astonishing knowledge of animals to be able to approach the horses, and hurt them so badly, without causing them to offer resistance. There were cases where watchdogs didn't react, even when they were only a couple of yards away, nor was there any indication that the animals had been drugged.

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 across the American Midwest in the last two decades are variously 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 Sweden. The first mutilation of the year was reported in "Expressen" on 14 April. A mare was found at a place called Vitehall near Kyrkekvarn, 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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