

VAMPIRE "CHUPA-CHUPAS" IN PUERTO RICO (1995): PART II

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[Continuation of Jorge Martín's article in *Evidencia OVNI* No. 8. (For Part I, see FSR 41/1 EDITOR)]

THE PRINCIPAL FEATURES OF THE PUERTORICAN "CHUPACABRAS" (OR ANOMALOUS BIOLOGICAL ENTITY", AS JORGE MARTIN CALLS IT)

1. A crest of spines of varying lengths, running from the top of the head to the lower part of the back.
2. Eyewitnesses claim that these "spines", or "little wings", normally lie flat against the body but can also rise up and at times vibrate, producing a powerful hum. They also change colour, from black to red, to orange, to green, to yellow, to blue, to violet.
3. The body of the creature is covered with short, fine spikes resembling hairs, but much straighter, and grey-



ish-black in colour. Like a chameleon, the creature's hair and skin change colour, taking on the colour tones of its surroundings.

4. It has two very powerful feet which enable it to run at great speed, and perform great and agile bounds, as has frequently been observed by numerous

eyewitnesses. Its feet appear to have claws.

5. Its approximate height is between 4ft and 5 ft, but when walking it often has a more 'bent-over' posture and therefore seems shorter.

6. The head is medium-sized and pear-shaped, with the cranium broad at the top and with the jawbones quite pointed.

7. It has no ears, but only small auditory holes. The nose consists of two little holes. Its mouth is just an opening with no lips, and it has large fangs.

8. Its eyes are large, and slanted, of a deep reddish-orange colour, and, as some eyewitnesses say, have vertical black pupils (of reptilian or feline type).

9. It has small thin arms and hands with three or four fingers with sharp claws. From the abdomen down as far as the leg muscles the creature is broader and stronger.



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RESOLUTION No. 5012 of NOVEMBER 9, 1995, PRESENTED TO THE 12th LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE CHAMBER OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ASSOCIATED FREE STATE OF PUERTO RICO BY HONOURABLE MEMBERS JUAN E. LOPEZ AND JOSE NUNEZ GONZALEZ

REFERRED TO THE COMMISSION

RESOLUTION

To order the Agricultural Commission of the Chamber of Representatives carry out a thorough and exhaustive investigation in order to clarify the unknown phenomenon and assess the damage caused by the so-called "chupacabras" to the nation's farmers.

**Resolución de la Cámara de Representantes de Puerto Rico No. 5012 Presentada
Por los Honorables Representantes Juan E. [Kike] López y José Núñez González**

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Presentada por el representante Núñez González, José A. y Juan E. (Kike) López

Referida a la Comisión

RESOLUCION

Para ordenar a la Comisión de Agricultura de la Cámara de Representantes realizar una investigación profunda y exhaustiva para aclarar el fenómeno desconocido y contabilizar los daños causados por el denominado "chupacabras" a los agricultores del país.

EXPOSICION DE MOTIVOS

En los últimos meses se han reportado en Puerto Rico numerosas muertes y ataques a animales que permanecen sin explicación alguna. Estos ataques se han perpetrado en distintas partes de la Isla. El número de casos ha aumentado recientemente y la comunidad puertorriqueña ante la alarmante situación reclama acción del Gobierno.

Las muertes han sido atribuidas a un animal que se ha denominado el "chupacabras", a raíz de un incidente que se informó a la policía donde una cabra perteneciente a un agricultor fue hallada muerta en un solar alledaño a la carretera que conduce al Barrio La Torre en Sabana Grande. Al animal le faltaba el ojo izquierdo y presentaba una herida extraña en el pescuezo por donde se le extrajo toda la sangre.

EXPOSITION OF MOTIVES

During recent months there have been reports in Puerto Rico of numerous deaths of animals and attacks on animals for which there is as yet no explanation.

These attacks have been perpetrated in various parts of the Island. The volume of cases has increased recently and, faced with this alarming situation, the Puertorican Community demands action by the Government.

The deaths have been attributed to an animal which folk are calling the "*chupacabras*" on the basis of a case, reported to the Police, in which a farmer's goat was found dead on land bordering the highway leading to Barrio La Torre in Sabana Grande Municipality. The animal was lacking its left eye and bore on its breast a peculiar wound through which all of its blood had been extracted.

The first reports of suspicious deaths of animals appeared in areas of Orocovis and Corozal, two municipalities in the central part of the Island, in the middle of this year. * Cases have also been recorded in the municipality of Canóvanas, on the north-eastern coast, and in Fajardo in the east, Gurabo, in the centre, and Naranjito, also in the centre. And in recent days residents of the Municipality of Lajas and of the Bellavista region of the municipality of Ponce discovered four dead cats and five dead dogs, and claimed these had all been victims of the animal known as the "*chupacabras*".

People who say they have seen the animal have described it to the Police as three feet in height, with claws on all four limbs, a round head, large eyes, and a body totally covered with black fur. So far the creature has not been captured, and the number of cases all over the Island is steadily rising, for which reason it is presumed that there may be more than one of the animals.

In view of the damage to the farmers, who depend on their animals for their work, and of the potential threat that a phenomenon such as this represents for our community in general, the Chamber of Representatives considers it to be imperative that the investigation be made.

RESOLVED THEREFORE BY THE CHAMBER OF REPRESENTATIVES OF PUERTO RICO:-

Article 1. The Agricultural Commission of the Chamber of Representatives is instructed to carry out a deep and exhaustive investigation in order to clarify the mysterious phenomenon, and assess the damages caused to the country's farmers by the "*chupacabras*."

Article 2. Within 45 days after this Resolution is approved, the Agricultural Commission of the Chamber of Representatives must submit to this Legislative Body its report on the investigation, together with its conclusions and its recommendations.

* **NOTE BY EDITOR, FSR** :This is of course complete and utter nonsense, because, as long ago as June 1974, I was translating and issuing, in FSR, identical reports of animal and bird mutilations in Puerto Rico which

had come to us from our then Correspondent there, the engineer Sebastián Robiou Lamarche.

In all, my early Puertorican reports were six, and they were in:-

1. *FSR Case Histories*, No. 17 (June 1974)
2. *FSR* 22/5 (Feb. 1977)
3. *FSR* 22/6 (April, 1977)
4. *FSR* 23/6 (April 1978)
5. *FSR* 25/3 (September 1979)

Subsequently, in *FSR* 27/1 (June 1981) I translated and published (6) Jorge Martín's *The Chicken Poachers on Puerto Rico* and, finally, more recently, I have produced translations of (7) Magdalena del Amo-Frèixedo's *Current Happenings on Puerto Rico* (*FSR* 36/4, 1991) and (8) her *Puerto Rico, An Area of Extraterrestrial Experimentation?* (*FSR* 39/1, 1994).

For its general interest, I now reproduce below Nos. (2) and (3) of the series, namely my early report, *UFOs And Mysterious Deaths of Animals*, published originally 19 years ago in *FSR* 22/5 and 22/6 ■

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Part 1: THE ANIMAL DEATHS IN PUERTO RICO

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Frequent attempts have been made to correlate the appearance of UFOs with the mysterious deaths or disappearances of animals in certain regions of the world.

A famous case is that of "Snippy", the horse found mutilated at Alamosa in the State of Colorado, USA, in November 1965, and whose mysterious fate has been linked by various investigators with UFO happenings in that part of the country.

The year 1973 saw, both in the USA and in the whole of Latin America, what was possibly the most important UFO Wave of recent times. During the following year, 1974, it was the turn of Europe to have abundant UFO sightings.

Following a similar pattern, mysterious deaths of animals began to be reported, from January 1974 onwards, from various American States, notably Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, South Dakota, Colorado, Oklahoma and Minnesota. (See *APRO Bulletin* Vol. 23, No.4, January-February 1975. Also Jerome Clarke's article "The Strange Case of the Cattle Killings," in *Fate* for August 1974.)

More recently, on March 4, 1975, the influential newspaper *The New York Times* reported "numerous mutilations of animals in the northern part of Texas and in Oklahoma" and stated that Governor David Boren of Oklahoma had launched an enquiry into the question of mysterious deaths of animals.

In many of the cases the dead animals have been found to lack an organ (an ear, the tongue, the nose, the tail, or the reproductive organs) and the mutilations have been carried out "with the skill of a professional". Such, in fact, was the conclusion of Professors of Medicine in the University of Minnesota after they had performed numerous autopsies on the carcasses of such animals (see *Replica*, Miami, Florida, March 19, 1975). Furthermore, it was noted that the dead animals all appeared to be "completely without blood, as though the body had been drained by a needle".

Here in Puerto Rico, between February and July of 1975, numerous cases occurred of deaths of animals in

almost identical circumstances *and coincidentally with the occurrence, in the selfsame geographical region* as dozens of UFO cases and of cases of other phenomena held to be related to UFOs. In the course of our enquiries we have conducted scores of interviews, made many laboratory studies, and spent months of time on analyses and sifting the material. What follows below is, in concentrated form, the gist of our work, which may well throw an entirely new light upon the UFO phenomenon.

THE MYSTERY KILLINGS

The first deaths took place before February 25, 1975. Then, from that date onwards, innumerable strange killings of animals began to be reported from the area around the town of Moca in the north-western corner of the Island of Puerto Rico. Then, at the end of March 1975 there came the first report from nearby Aguadilla, and cases began appearing gradually in other areas too.

Already in March the term "The Vampire of Moca" had been coined and was current among the people, this being the alleged cause of the strange animal killings. These reports were headlined in the chief daily papers. One journal, *El Vocero*, which gave extensive publicity to the killings, called upon the Government, in an editorial on March 15, to investigate the enigma, and reverted to the same theme in its editorial of March 21.

As a possible explanation for the deaths that had occurred up to then consideration was at first given to *snakes*. Dr. Juan A. Rivero, the herpetologist at the University of Puerto Rico, investigated the cases and stated on March 22, that the deaths of cows, goats and birds "definitely were not caused by any snake". On the same date, Saturday, March 22, Senator Miguel A. Deynes Soto, President of the Agricultural Commission of the Puerto Rico Senate, visited the Moca district, together with Attorney-General, Victor Calderón, and the Police Commandant for the Western Region, Colonel Samuel López. The theory that snakes might have been the possible cause having been ruled out, the authorities now began to think that the "Vampire of Moca" was some mentally unbalanced human. And so public promises were made that he would speedily be captured and brought to justice. So far as we know however, up to the present time no charges have been brought against anyone...