# Farm worker discovers remains of sheep sparking fears of big cats in Wales



In an unsettling incident near Carmarthen, Wales, a 21-year-old farm worker named Alicia White stumbled upon the remains of two sheep and a lamb, leading to fears of a large feline predator potentially being on the loose. The harrowing discovery, made in a field behind her home, involved the sheep carcasses being stripped of flesh while the lamb was found beheaded.

Alicia White described the scene to NeedToKnow, stating, “I found them up behind our house. The lamb's head was completely gone and the other two sheep had their skulls eaten in half. I've never seen anything like it before. It does make me think it is possible it was done by a big cat." She mentioned that there have been previous sightings of such big cats in the region, which fuels her belief that they could pose a genuine threat.

Acknowledging her background from Devon, where she frequently camped on Dartmoor, she remarked, “with the amount of space up there, big cats could definitely be hiding.” This context underscores her expectation that encounters with large, non-native predators might not be as rare as one might think.

Concerns regarding big cats in the UK are not entirely unfounded. In a separate incident last month, a large cat-like figure was captured on a doorbell camera in a village near High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire. The creature, described by homeowner David Lawrence, appeared significantly larger than a domestic cat and was seen balancing on a six-foot-wide skip. Lawrence observed, “It looked bigger than a normal cat. It was climbing into my skip. It has larger paws and a long thick tail and slightly smaller ears than a domestic cat. There's something about it that shouts to me it's not normal."

The prevalence of these sightings gains additional credence from an academic perspective. Professor Robin Allaby, a specialist in Life Sciences at Warwick University, suggested that as many as 100 big cats could inhabit the British countryside. His research indicated the presence of ‘Panthera genus’ DNA detected on a sheep carcass in the Lake District, which raises possibilities of the existence of wild species such as lions, leopards, tigers, jaguars, or even snow leopards roaming within the UK.

The unsettling event in Carmarthen and the recent sightings of large felines serve as a focal point for discussions surrounding wildlife in Britain, illustrating the complex relationship between domesticated farming practices and the influence of potential wild predators in the region.

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## References

* <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/science-environment-64574240> - This link would generally support discussions on wildlife and potential threats, although it is not specifically about big cats in Wales.
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