

THE BEAR BILE FARMS OF CHINA

Please spend a moment for the bears

A story written by a Chinese person who saw what was happening to the bears in China.

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The animal cruelty as reported in the following eyewitness story is unbelievable and something must be done to stop it, urgently. Please do anything you can to publicise and stop this insanity!!!!!!!

A few month ago while on a business trip, I had a chance to visit Angel Bridge at the foot of Long Day Mountain in China. At that time, we also went to explore a large bear farm that is surrounded by forest and beautiful scenery – it is truly an isolated paradise. All of a sudden I saw about fifteen large cages with bears in them. The farm owner told me this is a gall bladder farm, the purpose of which is to continuously extract fluid from the bears' gall bladders. Because of the high demand, it is an extremely profitable business.

When we arrived at the farm, the bears and the caretaker seemed to be getting along very well, all was calm. Suddenly four huge men showed up and the bears suddenly started screaming fearfully and rocking their cages hard as if they saw a ghost. The caretaker told me every morning at eight o'clock liquid is drawn from the gall bladders. Around seven-forty-five, the bears become agitated and have no appetite to eat and they start screaming and crying desperately for help.

In white uniforms, and without any emotion on their faces, the four men went into one of the cages. They quickly used a steel wire to snatch the bear by the neck, at which point the bear's eyes bulged out and it started gnashing its teeth and crying. They are so scared to death and this trauma causes them to defecate at the same time.

In the bear's stomach there is a hole with a steel tube inserted directly into the gall bladder. Outside the area there is a plastic tube connected to a steel tube for drawing the liquid. The area is covered tightly with surgical tape. When the time comes, the tape and cover are removed and a syringe is used to withdraw the green liquid from the gall bladder. Three big men went in and pressed the bear's 4 legs with force and inserted a syringe into plastic tube. When the dark green gall bladder juice was sucked from the bear's body, the poor bear opened her mouth so big, her two eyes were bulging and her entire body was trembling so hard throughout the whole procedure.

This kind of severe torture went on for about two hours until all the bears had been subjected to the same torture. The crying and screaming was so hard and loud and echoed the entire mountain valley. It frightened me so much, my heart ached and my head started spinning.

After this unthinkable torture, the bears used their paws to hold their stomachs. They curled up and shivered and I could see tears in their bright little eyes.

Around 10:30, someone cried out that there had been an accident in cage number 5. We followed the owner to rush into the bear farm and were shocked at what we saw. A brown bear had managed to pull out his own intestines and was holding them up in the air, roaring and screaming, as if he were madly "protesting" the cruelty and insanity of the humans. There was blood all over the cage. It was so difficult to watch such a suicidal scene. Never in my life had I been in such shock or so devastated.

At that time, someone rang a security alarm, immediately people rushed into the bear farm and waving the sharp axe and a big steel hook. The owner shouted: "Hurry to 'rescue' the bear paws!" The man in the cage was reluctant to continue to go forward. But the owner stamped his feet and kept yelling: "You have to cut them off while the bear is alive. That is the only way they are saleable!" Right after that, I saw the sharp axe swung and the number 5 bear's paws were immediately chopped off with blood gushing out.

Perhaps because of the killing smell in cage number 5, the bears then suddenly started to cry and scream sadly and desperately again had the tendency to be violent. It shook the whole island. The farm owner had a butcher background. When the bears appeared ready to act violently and the workers were panicking and running away, the owner stopped them and ordered them to put "steel jackets" on five of the most aggressive bears and give them a shot of morphine. It seemed the bears all got the painful lessons from the "steel jackets", otherwise they would not calm down so quickly.

This whole unbelievable incident affected me so deeply that their sad and innocent faces haunted me day and night and will continue to haunt me until the day I die. I felt a strong need to expose this incident to the world. Please widely distribute this true story and hope that everyone who reads this will do something to stop this kind of insanity from Chinese bear farms and to help these desperate poor creatures. Definitely, the Chinese Animals Protection law needs to be improved urgently.

Please call or write a polite letter to the Chinese Consulate or Embassy and let your feelings be known. Only the civilised people of the world care about such atrocities, so the bears can only get help from those who say that they care and then do something about it. There are some Chinese officials who are already trying to help.

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