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## **Hound Dracula is 'vampire dog'**

A HORRIFYING breed of VAMPIRE dog that sucks blood from farm animals was on the rampage last night.

The pack of large-fanged hounds has been terrorising farms — killing goats and chickens just to drain their blood.

Farmers claim they have seen the “Dracula dogs” sink their teeth into the necks of terrified livestock.

Phylis Canion says her land is littered with bloodless animal corpses — untouched except for two fang marks.

Now scientists are examining three dead dogs she found near her ranch in Cuero, Texas, to see if they are a new breed or mutated from wild ones.

Phylis said: “I’ve seen a lot of nasty stuff in my life but nothing compares to what these beasts do to my animals.

“At first they fed on cats’ blood — then drank from chickens through a wire cage.

“They reached in and pulled the chickens’ heads out, then latched on to the neck, sucking all the blood before leaving the bodies in the cage.

“More than two dozen chickens were sucked dry in this way. The birds weren’t eaten or carried off — the meat was left on the bone. It’s eerie.”

Phylis, who plans to get one of the dogs’ heads stuffed and mounted on her wall, said a pack was seen by other locals last month. She added: “All of them were blue-skinned, had no hair and had strange teeth.

“Farmers here are terrified of leaving children outside.”

Some locals think the blue dogs are Chupacabras — a legendary animal that feasts on goat blood, which was featured in TV sci-fi drama *The X-Files*.

But expert Dr Travis Schaar, who is doing DNA tests, said: “It is probably just a strange breed of dog with a preference for blood.”

Virginia Wheeler  
The Sun, 5 Sep.

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## **Vampire' arrested in Hong Kong**

A man has been arrested in Hong Kong for stealing and drinking blood samples from a hospital, police said on Saturday.

The 29-year-old was reportedly caught on surveillance cameras in the early hours of Thursday morning as he stole three test tubes of blood from the Yan Chai Hospital laboratory.

He drank the vials and dumped the empty tubes in a rubbish bin in the hospital lift lobby before fleeing.

He was later arrested at his home after staff at the hospital noticed the theft and reported it to police.

A police spokesperson said the man had gone to the hospital after hurting his leg while drunk.

While there he wandered to the emergency laboratory and leant over a counter to steal the blood, which had been drawn from a female patient for testing.

The hospital authority was reported in the South China Morning Post to have already improved its blood collection procedures as a result of the incident.

www.iol.co.za, 15 Sep.

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### **The Romanian chapter of Transylvanian Society of Dracula mourns the demise of one of its founder-members**

Prof. Dr. Virgil Candea (80), Fellow of the Romanian Academy, historian of great repute and promoter of cultural Romania and of the dialogue with other cultures. Prof. Candea, the historian, was also a graduate of the Institute of Theology. Between 1998 - 2002 he held the position of vice-president of the Romanian Academy of Science. Prof. Candea will continue to advise the TSD from Beyond, through his 300 books of very high scholarly value, including accounts of Romanian artistic and cultural assets held abroad and a "History of Transylvania" in English, published in 1982 in New York (written together with Acad. Cornelia Bodea).

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### **The Transylvanian Society of Dracula conference in may 2008**

The Transylvanian Society of Dracula holds its next annual conference in Romania between May 23-25, 2008, on "The vampire and the devil" - a debate involving compared folklore, religions, literature and cultural anthropology, tracing the destiny, the evolution of the vampire in the Age of Christianity, Enlightenment, Cartesianism and post-industrialism.

A tiny scene in the grand fresco of "The Last Judgment" on the outer wall of Voronet monastery (Bucovina, Romania), made almost 500 years ago, shows an Angel and a Devil cooperating in punishing an evil man, upon his death - a rare instance in which the contraries agree, for once, on a joint course of action. Has our perception of the role of

Evil changed ever since? Did the devil manage to replace the Vampire, or has the vampire prevailed, acquiring devilish qualities?

Abstracts of intended papers should be sent for the approval of the Organizing Committee till April 10, 2008 - on [cdt@rdsmail.ro](mailto:cdt@rdsmail.ro) or [np@transylvaniatour.com](mailto:np@transylvaniatour.com), accompanied by a brief curriculum vitae of the speaker. For pressing questions, please call the TSD president on 0040 722 599 099. We count on the contribution of the learned clergy, of folklorists, of experts in compared religions, literature, anthropology and esoterism.

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