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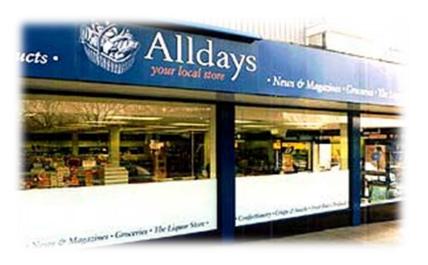






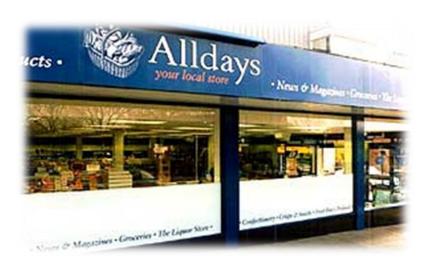


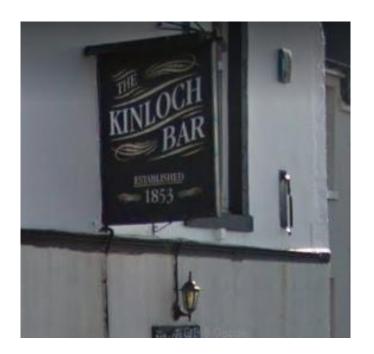






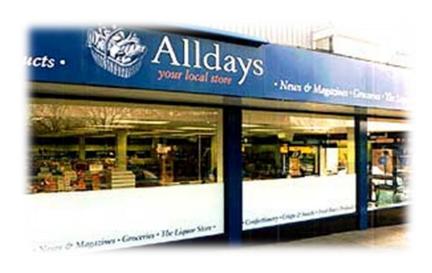


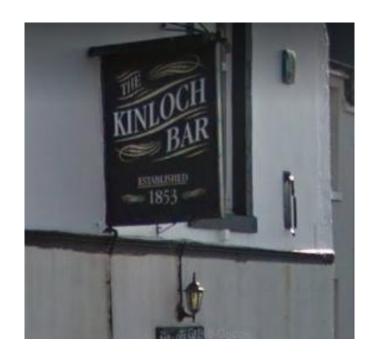






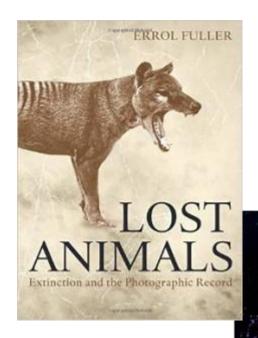












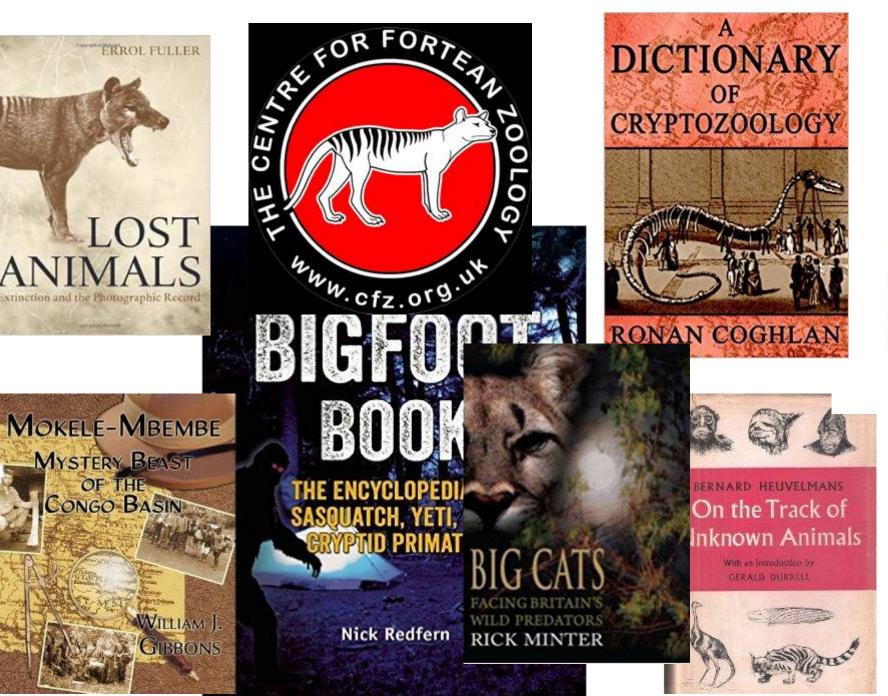
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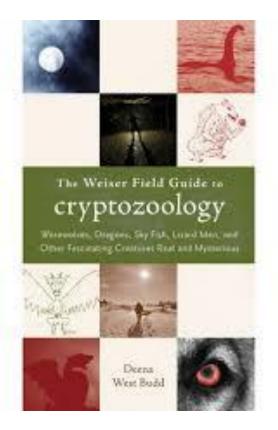
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#### Camera captures 'big cat' roaming in rural Argyll

By John Paul Breslin

BIG cat enthusiasts say a hidden camera has captured images of an elusive beast living in the Scottish countryside.

The still shots were taken by a movement-sensitive camera in a rural part of Argyll and show what's thought to be a feline far bigger than a dog.

If confirmed, the image will be added to a growing collection of evidence that suggests colonies of leopard-like creatures are living and breeding in Britain.

It's the first successful shot captured by a set of 30 hidden cameras placed in rural parts of the UK by feline enthusiasts Big Cats in Britain.

Six of the cameras are in Argyll with a further four in Fife and three in Ayrshire.



■ Can you spot the silhouette of the big cat?

However, BCIB's Fife co-ordinator Bob Wallace says he has to keep the location of the gadgets a secret to prevent them being stolen or tampered with.

"The cameras will be left in each place on a permanent basis so we have to make sure they're protected.

"We don't want people going

near them because their scent will scare the cats off.

"After installing a camera I spray it and the area I've walked over with a liquid made using secretions from the gland of a bobcat.

"That way the animals won't smell me but might come to investigate the scent of another cat."

Bob says the cameras are set up in areas where there have been a high number of sightings.

Members also place them on what they believe are paths made by the animals.

"We look for things like flattened grass in very remote areas because that may indicate the path the cats take on a regular basis. They are creatures of habit and like to scent mark their territory."

The cats may be descendants of animals released into the countryside from private zoos in the 1970s by owners who didn't want to comply with new laws on exotic pets.

Bob says BCIB would seek to have the animals protected if they can prove their existence.

"We wouldn't put this much effort into finding them if we weren't convinced they're here."









































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Was put in charge of the Aquarium department in January 2012.





















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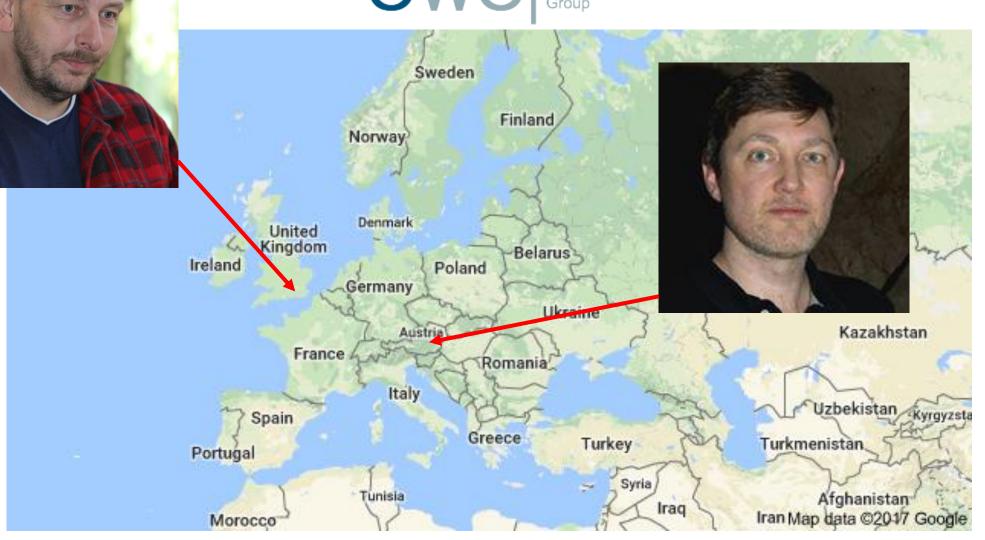














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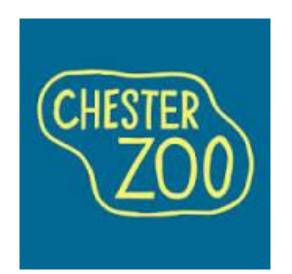


















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