

Classic Urban Legends

No 1 The Rabbit

One day a woman is shocked to see her dog with a dead rabbit in its mouth. She knows that her neighbors keep a pet rabbit in a cage behind their house, and in horror she immediately realizes that it's their pet.

After some desperate pondering she knows what has to be done. She takes the rabbit from her dog, cleans it up as best she can – shampoos and blow-dries its fur – and since her neighbors seem to be gone, she sneaks into their yard and puts the cleaned up rabbit back in its cage so it looks as if it's alive.

The next day she sees a police car parked in front of her neighbors' house. Curious, she goes over and asks what's going on. An officer explains:

“They buried their pet rabbit which died the other day, but some weirdo dug it up and put it back in its cage.”

Word list

pet	husdjur
in horror	i skräck/avskey
immediately	omedelbart
pondering	funderande
blow-dries	torkar med hårtork
curious	nyfiken
buried	begravde
weirdo	knäppskalle/galning

Discuss

1. Have you heard this story before? If yes, was it the exact same story or some other version of it? Explain.
2. Why do you think this is a classic urban legend?