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### Answers about the Chupacabras

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Last Friday I sent an e-mail about a supposed attack by Chupacabras in Parque São Bento, in Sorocaba, state of Sao Paulo.

Today I spoke by phone with Dr. Rodrigo Teixeira, veterinarian of the Sorocaba Municipal Zoo, and he reaffirmed to me that what killed that chickens was a wild animal. He is a veterinarian for 26 years.

Dr. Rodrigo informed that the spots found on the chicken bodies were made by "terrestrials" animals. According him the probable "killer" could be the saringué (a small rat), or a wild cat or a skunk.

He said that the chickens weighed 1.5kg and had about 7 ml. of blood (that's little blood). This blood when poured on the floor is fast absorbed, or is sucked by the predator. Blood is very interesting to the wild animals. It has a lot of minerals that the animals love.

The eggs got untouchable on the nest because the only animal that could eat them could be the skunk.

The canvas of the aviary were intact, and he said: "You never saw a prisoner run away of a prison? So, the animals sometimes can be more "smart" than the "animal-man".

Dr. Rodrigo don't reject the possibility that the responsables can be a domestic dog or even a man joking.

"I don't believe in Chupacabras. All the animals killed supposedly by the Chupacabras that I made the autopsy there's nothing strange. I found as well hairs in the place of the attacks and were the same of the wild dogs".

Dr. Rodrigo Teixeira can be found at: Rua Teodoro, 883, Vila Hortência, Sorocaba - SP. Brazil Zip Code:18021-020.

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That's all for now.

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