

Pet dogs turn out to be... bears

A proud pet owner in China was quite perplexed when his dearly loved puppies turned out to be not quite what he thought they were.

Two years ago, Wang Kaiyu was planting trees. He was planting banana trees along the Chinese -Vietnamese border. Wang often met interesting people while working, and one day he met a fellow who said he was from Vietnam. The man was selling 'puppies' and offered Wang a good deal.



Wang, an animal lover, bought two of them and brought them home to live with him and his family.

Wang loved his new puppies and was a very good owner. Apparently he didn't notice that his puppies looked different than normal pups. He didn't even notice the difference when he gave them their daily bath and grooming!

According to Wang, they were very well behaved and loving puppies. However, they had large appetites, never seemed to get full, and began to grow at an alarming rate. They quickly reached a weight of 45 kilos each and showing no signs of stopping!

As time passed, they started to look less like canines. They also killed and ate Wang's pet chickens.

Wang figured everything out when he was reading an article about endangered wild animals and saw pictures of his 'puppies'. His puppies turned out to be Asian black bears. AKA - moon bears or white-chested bears.

He realized that he could get into some serious trouble for keeping the bears. Asian black bears are a class-II, government protected, endangered species in China. With that in mind, he called the authorities and gave his report.

Wang did the right thing, keeping bears as pets is very dangerous for everyone around - not to mention quite illegal.

Police and animal rescuers picked up the two moon bears from their home and transported them to an animal rescue centre.

It turns out the two bears are a male and a female and are both in good health. The rescue center is taking very good care of them and they are growing into strong, healthy, adult moon bears.

Since the bears have been domesticated by Wang, they can't be released into the wild. The rescue center is looking for a suitable home for the pair.

Whoa, Wang made a huge mistake!

Have you ever misrecognized an animal?

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