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Swain said, even in the case of the goat and rabbit fur, most of the animals used for the figures are raised in places known as fur farms and conditions on these farms are deplorable.

Mislabeling is rampant. The gift shop manager Channel 9 talked to felt they, too, are victims. They believe they were sold goods that aren't what they're supposed to be.

SURVEY

Would you let your child play with figurines made from real animal fur?

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"I don't know if it's dog or whatever. I'm serious. I didn't know," one store manager told Channel 9.

Parents say the thought of their children playing with real fur and hide is unimaginable.

"It's pretty incredible, actually. It's hard to believe that some people are actually making figurines out of dogs and rats and passing them off just to make a profit," said parent Maurice Simmons.

The fur figurine industry is a four to five million dollar a year business in Asia, which is where experts said most of the animals come from.

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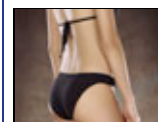
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