

Crazy Alien Whistleblower Log

On November 28th, 2017 I witnessed first hand one of the worst animal cruelty acts I have ever seen. On a set for a feature film entitled "Crazy Alien" shot in Changsha China. In the wee early morning hours a scene came up to shoot where a young german sheppard was used. During this 2 hour or so ordeal the dog was tormented into a frenzy several times by its handler to bark as loud as possible and make it look like it was being attacked by _____ actor in the film I assume. The handler himself had a padded arm protection just in case the dog went to far and attacked him. The handler also had a long whip which was used to get the dog to be as aggressive as it could possibly be. He never made contact with the dog while using the whip from my perspective but it absolutely was used to hit in the foreground make a loud snapping noise. The handler kept up this activity until the director who was watching a live video feed was satisfied with the dogs action. Only then would the director yell for action.

The dog was given no breaks on this cold / pouring rainy evening next to a river used by tug boats throughout the night as a shipping lane. The dogs scene had him locked into a small (4W x 3T x 7L) solid metal wire cage. The cage was then wrapped several times with a long metal cable in which 2 men on the crew were instructed to pull on the cage as the dog went up into the air at least 20 feet. The next action was to fling the cage around 40-50 ft away landing back on the ground solidly. The cage was moved by a 20 ton crane which was located 200 feet above the shore of the river. This scene was shot 6-8 times easily with no break for the dog at all. I did not see any water being given to him and our treats - he was only tormented. The second the dog cage rose into the air the dog stopped barking instantly as the cables were used to spin the cage out of control in circles before solidly landing 40-50 feet away. The director took many takes and this was just awful to witness as the torment went on.

The next shot was at the rivers edge where the dog was put back into his cage and tormented into a frenzy once again. This time the cable wrapped around the cage again was hoisted 20 ft and was flung while spinning out of control towards the river. With huge disbelief the cage was completely submerged with the dog in it landing in a 10mph current. After 5-8 seconds the director yelled out "cut". Then the crew quickly hoisted the cage back onto land. The dog was not happy at all - that was easy to see. They did not remove the dog and the director take his sweet time to decide on the action.

A final decision was made by the director to shoot a second identical take. I could not believe my eyes. Same action being tormented and spun around at least 10 times before landing in the freezing water. Twice the torture.

Keep in mind on this night the water temperature was very low in November-which is winter in China.

The air temps were in the 6-8 celsius range. Not pleasant for anyone let alone a cold and wet pet.