

SUICIDAL DEER PLUNGE TO THEIR DEATH “PARODY”

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Numerous eyewitness reports of mangled deer cluttering roadways under the overpass bridges have baffled the Pennsylvania Wildlife Agency. State Police report, “Deer are falling from above.” Drivers verify they have seen deer jumping the low barriers on bridges; plunging over the edge, pawing frantically some 40 feet to the ground below. Witnesses are dumb founded at the sight. “Totally unrealistic and surreal,” said local resident Pam Davis to a XKY news reporter. “Maybe the recent deer population explosion has prompted this behavior,” she continued. “It certainly can’t be a result of headlight trauma or needing to cross the road to get to the other side. They’re diving to their death!”



The experts have various opinions about why this state animal and beloved graceful friend of field and stream, the white tailed deer, has resorted to suicide. According to Ted Simms who oversees the Wildlife Resources Psychological Studies Unit of a prominent state university, “they’ve just had it.” Simms says, “Deer suffer from panic attacks and delusional ideologies that are causing them to run amok in rural counties all across scenic

Pennsylvania.” Simms surmises this is directly related to the inferior treatment and condoned murder that deer have endured over the past centuries --or maybe they’re trying to get away from the frisky bucks in pursuit.

Avid hunters sit for hours on end in comfy tree houses waiting for a shot at their innocent prey. Drivers of high speed interstates are not willing to slow down to a relatively safe speed to allow the nimble creatures to cross unscathed. Even on the country-side roads people are speeding as fast as they can to destinations while texting. The deer are being seriously ignored when hit and left to die. However, the fresh carcasses are sought by good old boys and girls who throw them in their pickup trucks, intent to make Bambi burgers. Perhaps deer see taking their own lives as an alternative to being a victim of homicide.

Also, it could be, the loss of their murdered mates has devastated those left behind. Choosing the same demise, they “take the bridge” in their grief. It’s a sad state of affairs when the wildlife we revere will imitate humans and commit suicide as a way out of their plight.

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