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Letters,
The Western Mail,
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Dear Sir/Madam,

The article, dragon meat farce, (Western Mail - 18.11.06) conveyed a sense of the ridiculous, nonsensical, puerile, in its reporting of a food firm being warned by Trading Standard's officers about one of its products, Dragon Sausages: "that it could face legal action for misleading people that it uses dragon meat in its fiery sausages". Rather than swiping at bureaucracy, I would wish through your pages to bring a sense of clear sightedness, sobriety and very obvious reality to issues raised in the article. In doing so, my intention is aimed at the long held but utterly false myth that here in Wales dragons are, as stated in your article, er ' mythical '.

Arising from circumstances I prefer not to discuss here, I have the privilege of being involved in the observation and monitoring of the secretive but burgeoning breeding programmes of these wonderful creatures, undertaken at remote mountain areas. The reproductive rate is phenomenal.

When the need arises the dragons are sheltered in natural cave formations, thus obviating the expense of barn, shed and other such constructions. Also, they show a marked aversion to the quenching effects of water, so such sources or supplies are not needed. Ultimately, they provide the perfect, cost effective meat, and owing to the propensity to belch fire, the stored up internal heat ensures that their flesh is ready cooked when it reaches the consumer.

The future world food market potential for Wales is now tremendous. This has not gone unheeded by government in London since one of their Home Counties M.P's, while on a visit to the Brecon Beacons, saw "dragon meat" on a pub lunch list in Upper Cwmtwrch. Consequently, posing as birdwatchers, walkers, and tractor drivers, intelligence agents (but not necessarily intelligent agents when considering their use of brand new shiny tractors and green wellies) are present throughout Wales, Seeking evidence of the existence of W.M.D's i.e. Welsh Munchable Dragons.

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