

Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department
“Don’t Feed Wild Animals and Feral Pigeons” Series
“The Mysterious Animal” Transcript

Super: The Mysterious Animal

It was a Sunday afternoon. A family spent a day at the countryside and was on their way to Uncle Tom’s house for dinner.

They were riding on a SUV, with Dad driving, Mum by his side and Uncle Tom at the back row. Sitting in the middle row were two kids, Timmy and Sally, whispering to each other.

Timmy: There’s a legend around where I live
Sally: Huh?
Timmy: They say a mysterious animal lurks in the woods. It’s covered with rough fur, real prickly.
Sally: Huh?
Timmy: And it’s dark in colour. When night falls, it comes out to hunt for food.
Sally: Stop it! I don’t want to hear that!
Uncle Tom: Now don’t tease your cousin, son.
Dad: Ok kids, we’re there.

As soon as they got off the car, Timmy started running home. Mum, Dad and Uncle Tom were getting their bags from the trunk. Sally was waiting for the adults, when a sudden chill went down her back.

Mum: Take your backpack.
Sally: Ahh!
Mum: Honey, that dog is just trying to say hello.
Sally: No! It might be that mysterious animal!
Mum: Let’s go!

Mum smiled and asked Sally to continue the walk. Suddenly the dog barked. Sally screamed and grabbed Mum’s sleeves.

Mum and Dad laughed. Mum gave Sally a comforting pad. Uncle Tom lived on the hills, so they all headed for the stairs.

Sally: Dad, something is over there!

Dad: That’s just leaves rustling in the breeze. Honey, there’s no mysterious animal.

There was a sudden breeze. Sally saw movements in the bushes, as if something was about to leap at her. She got scared and grabbed Dad’s hand.

Timmy: Roar!!!
Uncle Tom: You shouldn’t scare her like that
Timmy: I was just kidding
Dad: Let’s go.

Timmy suddenly leaps out from the bushes and yelled.

Sally screamed and grabbed his Dad.

Timmy laughed at Sally.

Uncle Tom scolded Timmy, but the boy just smirked.

Dad: What your cousin described is just a wild pig. There's nothing mysterious about it.
Sally: Really?
Timmy: Oh yeah? Wild pigs are huge! They're terrifying!

Sally was about to cry, so Dad tried to explain. Timmy insisted on his story. Dad smiled with a headshake and patiently taught him.

Dad: Wild pigs are just common wild animals in Hong Kong. Back there is natural woodland where wild pigs inhabit. Although they are big in size, they're actually quite timid and wary of human.
Sally: Do they bite?
Dad: As long as you don't provoke them, they won't bother you.
Sally: Timmy, you liar!
Timmy: You're just too timid.

Timmy turned round and continued to go downstairs.

Dad: Be careful.

Sally got angry. Timmy made a face at her. The two chased around and the grown-ups went laughing.

The family headed for Uncle Tom's house when suddenly Sally discovered some wild pigs near the bushes.

Sally: Wow! There really are wild pigs!
Timmy: If you're not scared, why don't you go feed them?
Dad: We should never feed wild pigs because this will change their habits. They might lose their ability to forage for natural food, overpopulate and be no longer afraid of human. Eventually, they might roam into urban areas and cause nuisance. Then it would be troublesome.
Sally: So let's keep our distance and just say hello
Mum: Alright, it's getting dark now. Your aunt is waiting for us to join dinner.
Sally: Goodbye, wild pigs!

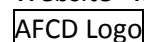
Dad explained patiently why they shouldn't feed wild pigs. Sally was convinced. She kept her distance and said goodbye to the pigs.

Super "Tips on wild pigs" appear.

MVO: What should we do if we encounter wild pigs?
First, stay calm and keep a distance.
Secondly, do not throw objects at them or attempt to drive them away.
This might provoke the wild pigs and put yourself in danger.
Remember, don't feed them!

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