

《英国“羊人”获得搞笑诺贝尔奖》

导读:英国一名男子将自己装扮成一只羊，在阿尔卑斯山区和一群山羊生活了三天，凭此“功绩”，他获得了今年的搞笑诺贝尔奖。



Tom Thwaites had special prostheses made so he could walk like an animal.

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The spoof awards, which are not quite as famous as the real Nobels, were handed out during their annual ceremony at Harvard University, US.

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Other studies honoured during the event examined the personalities of rocks, and how the world looks when you bend over and view it through your legs.

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On the surface, all the celebrated research sounds a bit daft, but a lot of it - when examined closely - is actually

intended to tackle real-world problems.

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And nearly all of the science gets published in peer-reviewed, scholarly journals.

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It is unlikely, though, that the German carmaker Volkswagen will appreciate the point or humour of the Ig Nobels.

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The firm has been awarded the chemistry prize for the way it cheated emissions tests.

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Goat-man Tom Thwaites actually shares his biology prize with another Briton, Charles Foster, who also has spent time in the wild trying to experience life from an animal's perspective.

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Clearly, the practice is fast-becoming a national trait.

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Mr Thwaites concedes his effort was initially an attempt to escape the stress of modern living, but then became a passion.

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He spent a year researching the idea, and even persuaded an expert in prostheses, Dr Glyn Heath at Salford University, to build him a set of goat legs.

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Fascinating, if a little bizarre on occasions, was Mr Thwaites' verdict on the whole venture. He developed a strong bond with one animal in particular - a "goat buddy", but also very nearly kicked off a big confrontation at one point.

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