

《真是神奇！疼痛竟然能够传染》

导读:科研总是能够带来一些不可思议的发现，也或多或少地影响着人们的生活。近日，美国的研究人员们抛出了疼痛能够传染的研究结果。你相信吗？



Pain could be contagious, a groundbreaking new study claims.

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Lab mice were put through a series of tests which should not have been painful - ticklish at the most.

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But the rodents reacted as if their feet were burning.

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The experiments by researchers in Portland, Oregon, suggested the mice caught this heightened sensitivity from other mice who were primed to feel pain.

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Both groups of mice were in the same room, in cages approximately 1.5 meters apart from each other - but they could not see each other.

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The scientists believe they picked it up through smell.

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If true, this could explain some mysterious illnesses, including fibromyalgia - the feeling of pain without a logical medical reason for it.

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'We've shown for the first time that you don't need an injury or inflammation to develop a pain state,' lead researcher Andrey Ryabinin, a neuroscientist at Oregon Health and Science University, said.

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'Pain can develop simply because of social cues.'

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Even Ryabinin was surprised by the result of the study - which was not the point of his investigation.

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