

An alternative to wild fur trapping

Accidental fur: Boston firm turns roadkill into fashion

BOSTON, Dec 15, (AP): Pamela Paquin's source for fashion is either "tres chic" or will make you shriek.

She creates neck muffs, leg warmers, hats, purses and more from roadkill, or "accidental fur," as she prefers to call it.

As owner of Petite Mort Furs, a 2-year-old Boston-area company, she said she's offering the fur industry an alternative to wild fur trapping and large-scale fur farms.

"All this fur is being thrown away," Paquin said. "If we can pick that up, we never have to kill another fur-bearing animal again."

Keith Kaplan, head of the Fur Information Council of America, said his trade group considers all North American furs to already be ethically and environmentally responsible.

"Production of fur in North America is highly regulated with guidelines set through years and years (and millions of dollars) of scientific study," he said via email,

declining to comment on Paquin's company or the general idea of using roadkill for fur. "In fact, the populations of every species used by the industry today are as abundant, or more abundant, than they were a century ago."

Animal rights groups also have mixed feelings about roadkill fur. "We'd just say it's in very poor taste," said Kara Holmquist at the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, declining to elaborate.

Prolong

Lisa Lange, a senior vice president at People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, or PETA, said that there's "never an excuse" to wear fur, but that it's "far better" to wear roadkill than farmed fur.

Others worry her products could only serve to prolong the industry they've spent decades trying to defeat.

"A business that promotes wearing

real fur as fashionable and acceptable may well create more demand for fur from all sources, and could give all fur wearers a shield from legitimate criticism," said Virginia Fuller, of the Boston-area Citizens to End Animal Suffering and Exploitation, or CEASE.

Paquin counters that the stigma around fur has eroded in recent years.

Greater spending power in China, Russia and elsewhere, as well as greater use of fake fur trimmings on clothes and accessories, has revived its popularity.

That demand, she said, is part of the reason she chose to jump into the industry despite having no background in fashion or design, and after working mostly office jobs for environmental and sustainability organizations.

The Fur Information Council of America said the U.S. alone recorded \$1.5 billion in fur sales in 2014. Globally, it's part of an over \$35 bil-



Pam Paquin poses with an 'accidental fur' raccoon neck muff she created in Central Massachusetts, Nov 18, 2015. (AP)

lion industry.

"Clearly advocacy had failed," Paquin said. "Alternatives must be found. Making use of animals that would otherwise be thrown away is sensible."

Heidi Forbes Öste, a San Francisco-area resident who pur-

chased a fox fur neck muff from Petit Mort last summer, said she's surprised at the pushback from animal rights groups.

"They're being short-sighted," she said. "We should be encouraging people to buy sustainable fur. These are animals that are already dead."

Products by Petit Mort, which means "the little death" in French are decidedly high-end, ranging from \$800 to \$2,000, depending on the product and type of fur used. They can be found online and on Boston's fashionable Newbury Street, where the company rents display space in a handmade goods market.

Lifetime

"The value that these products have is that they're handmade, local and last a lifetime," Paquin explains. "That's not just couture and high end, but that's also sustainable."

Each piece comes with a personal note explaining where and when the animal was found.

Paquin works with animal control specialists to gather the carcasses, but skins many of them herself. She considers the process almost sacred and doesn't care much for the "roadkill" label.

"It's a turnoff," Paquin said. "It cheapens my product."

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Courses

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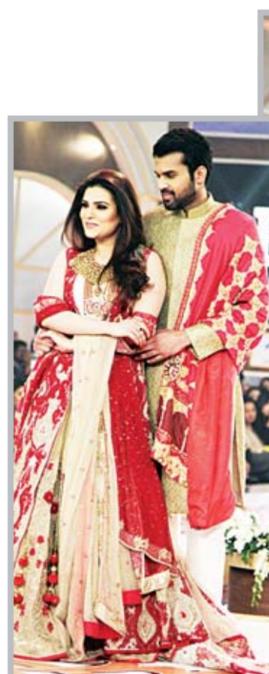
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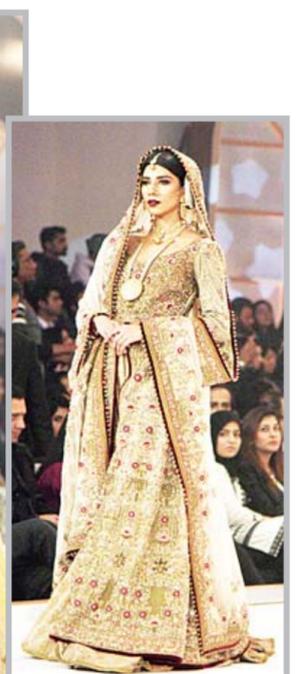
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Above: Models present creations by Pakistani designers Erum Khan, Arsalan Iqbal, Sahar Atif and Fahad Hussain during the last day of Telenor Bridal Couture Week in Lahore, Pakistan, Dec 13.(AP)

Style

2-day event promotes healthcare education

FSRI, KSSS host workshop on women's health

KUWAIT CITY, Dec 15: The Fawzia Sultan Rehabilitation Institute (FSRI), under the sponsorship of the Kuwait Society for Student Support (KSSS), hosted an educational workshop on women's health physiotherapy as part of the non-profit Institute's efforts to promote healthcare education across the Kuwaiti medical community.

The two-day workshop featured international female health physiotherapy specialist, Michelle Lyons, and was attended by local physicians and healthcare providers from both the public and private sector. The comprehensive workshop provided participants with general theoretical knowledge, as well as practical skills training, to help them develop treatment strategies for a wide range of issues affecting women including incontinence, pelvic pain, and menopause.

Professional

Dr Elham Al-Hamdan, President & Medical Director of FSRI, commented at the workshop: "At FSRI, we believe that continuing professional education is critical for improving clinical practice in all fields of healthcare. Workshops like this one help practitioners garner advanced therapeutic knowledge and insights, as well as develop and hone practical skillsets to provide an even higher level of care to patients."

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A photo from the event

She further added: "Women's health in particular is a very important topic; one that is often not given a great deal of attention in Kuwait. Our goal here has been to help broaden the knowledge of the local medical community about this specialized area, and enable them to help female patients live a happy, healthy and pain-free life."

The workshop comes as the second

in a series of workshops taking place as part of a year-long educational program organized by FSRI and sponsored by KSSS. The program kicked off earlier this year with a specialized course on orthopedic physiotherapy, which took place at FSRI's Children's Evaluation and Rehabilitation Centre.

The third and final workshop under

the umbrella of this program is set to take place in May of next year, and will focus on educating healthcare providers on the treatment of neurological conditions, in both children and the elderly.

On his part, Talal Alarab, Chairman of the Kuwait Society for Student Support said: "We at KSSS are always looking to partner with insti-

tutions and organizations that support education, and whose goals and values are in line with our own goals and policies. We had begun working with FSRI in 2013, due to their being a non-profit institution that supports education and actively participates in many educational initiatives.

Support

Originally, the collaboration had been limited to a number of small initiatives. However, due to our belief in FSRI's mission and the need for more continuous and serious support, the partnership soon blossomed into something more long-term and we decided to sponsor this specialized three-part educational program focusing on important clinical care topics."

Dr Al-Hamdan further added: "FSRI has had a long and fruitful partnership with KSSS. In addition to the many educational workshops and courses we have organized with their support over the years, KSSS has played an instrumental role in furthering the education and training of our own staff — most recently supporting our resident speech therapist Dr Mohammed Al-Ameer in his pursuit of a doctorate degree from the United Kingdom. We look forward to building upon our successful partnership with them and are thankful to their constant support in assisting us in our cause of promoting healthcare education in the country."

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