

# LINDSEY GRAHAM MUST WANT THE TERRORISTS TO HAVE KITTENS AND BEARD DYE

In the last week, we've had two stories about how terrorists at Gitmo have made themselves comfortable.

First there was Michelle Shephard's investigation into whether Majid Khan has a cat.

A week-long investigation into Guantanamo's feline affairs couldn't determine the case for sure.

"No detainees are provided pets, and detainees are not authorized to keep animals, as they present a health and sanitation hazard," wrote Navy Capt. Robert Durand, the director of Joint Task Force Guantanamo's Public Affairs, in a lengthy response to my cat query.

"Wild animals often carry diseases and pests such as rabies, lice, mites and other infections."

However: "Recreation yards are surrounded by security fences that keep detainees in and unauthorized people out, but small animals can and do squeeze through any gaps."

Durand's emailed response goes on to describe the island's wildlife: "The Cuban Rock Iguana is a protected species, and banana rats and feral cats lack natural predators, so these populations thrive in the areas immediately adjacent to the various camps." Yes, but does *Khan* have a cat?

"We do not discuss the details of any individual detainee."

And now there's Carol Rosenberg's story explaining that Khalid Sheikh Mohammed hennaed his beard with berries and juice.

Tuesday, Army Lt. Col. Todd Breasseale said in response to a five-month-old question that Mohammed "did craft his own natural means" inside the prison camps to concoct his self-styled beard dye.

"I don't have his exact procedure," Breasseale said, "but can confirm the use of at least berries and juice to create a kind of harmless dye."

We paid Halliburton a lot of money to build this prison—and still shell out \$800,000 a year to keep terrorists there. But apparently Halliburton couldn't even keep feral cats out?

I'm guessing Jose Padilla doesn't have a kitten in Florence SuperMax. And even when Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab was held at the local minimum security prison in Milan, he didn't show up in court in a camo vest and dyed beard (he asked to wear a Yemeni dagger, mind you, and he looked too young to grow one, mind you).

So I'm beginning to think that Lindsey Graham and all the others that insist terrorists must be held in Gitmo rather in the real prisons in the US want the terrorists to have kittens.

Udate: h/t to joanneleon for alerting me that, by my spelling, I tried to kill KSM's beard rather than color it.