

Criminals Stink! 「嗅」出罪犯的行踪

They create tricky plans and use **disguises** to **conceal** their identities. They break into cars and homes, stealing personal possessions, sometimes even injuring people. We can all agree that criminals stink. In fact, they stink more than they realize, and **Dutch** law **enforcers** are using specially-trained dogs to help **sniff out** bad guys.

他们想出诡计，用伪装来隐瞒身份。他们闯入轿车及民宅，窃取私人财物，有时甚至伤害别人。你我都同意歹徒臭气冲天。事实上，他们发臭的程度超过他们自己所知道的。荷兰执法人员正利用受过特殊训练的狗，来帮忙嗅出歹徒。

Dogs are up to 10 million times better at detecting **scent** than humans. They have long been used for tracking escaped prisoners or finding drugs. Now researchers in **the Netherlands** have discovered that, like fingerprints and DNA, the “scent print” of a criminal can help police solve a case.

狗的嗅觉较人类灵敏一千万倍，长期以来便被用来追捕逃犯或缉毒。现在荷兰研究人员发现，就像指纹及 DNA，歹徒的「味纹」能协助警方破案。

Detectives can obtain a criminal’s “scent print” from items found at a crime scene. Once **suspects** have been caught, dogs can **reveal** whether the scent of the suspect matches the scent print on the items. This information can be used to help build a case or prove that someone is **innocent**. Hundreds of cases in the Netherlands have already been solved using scent prints. Soon, the law will be sniffing out bad guys everywhere!

警探能从案发现场的物品取得嫌疑人的「味纹」，一旦嫌犯被捕，狗儿便能揭露，嫌疑人的气味是否与物品上的「味纹」相符，这种线索能用来帮忙指控歹徒或还人清白。目前荷兰已有数以百计的案件利用味纹破案。法律应该很快就能在各地嗅出歹徒！

—by Matthew Wilson

Vocabulary

criminal [ˈkrɪmən] n. 罪犯 adj. 犯罪的

conceal [kənˈsi:l] v. 隐瞒

sniff out 嗅出, 闻到

suspect [ˈsʌspekt] n. 嫌疑犯

reveal [riˈvi:l] v. 揭露

innocent [ˈɪnəsnt] adj. 清白的

More Information

stink [stɪŋk] n. 恶臭, 臭气

disguise [dɪsˈgaɪz] n. 假扮, 伪装

Dutch [dʌtʃ] adj. 荷兰的

law enforcer: 执法官 police

scent [sɛnt] n. 气味

the Netherlands [ˈnɛðə-ləndz] 荷兰