

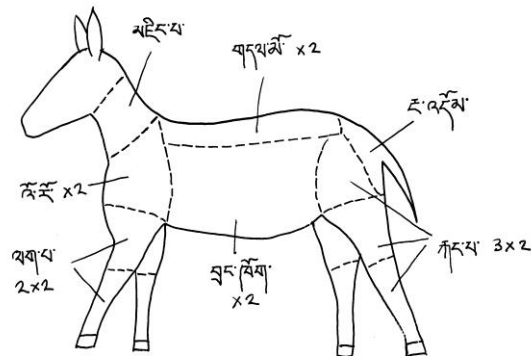
Division and Sharing of Game Meat by Hunters on the Tibetan Plateau: Social Practice and Textual Representations

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Although hunting has been a widespread and very old productive strategy of Tibetan Plateau populations, it has been little researched by scholars. One important aspect of hunting everywhere is the practice of processing the carcass of a dead game animal, and its incorporation into the social world as meat and other products. This talk presents ethnographic research into carcass division and meat sharing systems among hunters of Tibet's northern and highest region, the Changthang. These closely related practices have regularly been described in mythical narratives since the period of the Tibetan Empire. Thus, a comparison between textual representations of carcass division and meat sharing and actual social practice will also be briefly considered.