

## A starving polar bear wandered into a Russian city, scavenging for food

A starving polar bear seen scavenging for food in a major industrial city in northern **Siberia** has been captured and will be transported to a wildlife park for treatment, according to local reports.

Photos showed the female animal **trudging** across a busy road with muddy **paws**, digging through **rubble** and trash and lying down from apparent exhaustion on the ground.

Siberia 西伯利亚

trudge 跋涉

paw 爪子

rubble 碎石

Experts believe the animal, initially thought to have wandered hundreds of miles from its natural habitat in the **Arctic**, instead may have been taken as a **cub** and raised in **captivity** by pelt traders, according to the Siberian Times.

Arctic 北极

cub 幼兽

captivity 囚禁

The experts explained that it is typically males, not females, that migrate long distances, and said this polar bear was too clean to have made such a **trek**, the newspaper reported. They told the newspaper it's possible that **poachers** released the animal to avoid being caught and punished.

trek 跋涉; 财产

poacher 偷猎者; 侵入者

Polar bear poaching has been banned in Russia for more than 60 years. Still, it has been estimated that as many as 200 of them are killed each year in **the Far East** region.

the Far East 远东

As the Washington Post's Isaac Stanley-Becker reported, polar bears "are classified as a vulnerable species because of the 'ongoing and potential loss of their sea ice habitat resulting from climate change, ' according to the World Wildlife Fund."