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# TEXAS INKED



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# EDITOR'S NOTE

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Oddities

Beauty

Tattoos



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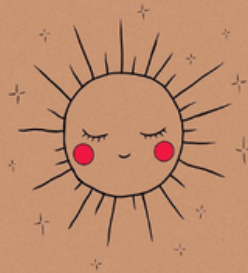
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# Artist of the Week



**SMOOTHLOOM TATTOOS**

SAN ANTONIO





Armadillo Fetus

# *Oddities*

NOT FOR THE FAINT  
OF HEART...

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By: Vulgar Vanity

Photos By: Jenny Rodriguez

The Texas Inked team has all type of characters with many unique hobbies; amongst us is Houston model, Veterinary Technician, and oddities collector Jennifer Rodriguez. Tattoo conventions come with all type of fun vendors, and those vendors are not limited to the tattoo industry. The tattoo community welcomes all outcasts, artists, performers, and collectors of fun things. Making these unique connection leads to starting unique collections, hobbies, and friendships. Jenny took the opportunity to make the connections within the oddities community and began a collection of her own, and she'd like to share her knowledge, collection, and experience with all our readers

in case anyone is in the market for their next odd hobby. The Texas Inked model started her formal oddities collection about two years ago when a friend gifted her a framed opossum skull. Prior to this gifted item Jenny had been collecting her own teeth and teeth from stranded animals. Jenny has a unique opportunity as an oddities collector since she is a veterinary technician with access to animal carcasses and body parts; which allows her to widen her collection through an ethical source. Jenny stated she's always been interested in oddities and enjoys finding the unique beauty in items other people may consider ugly, odd, or unwanted.

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Opossum Skull





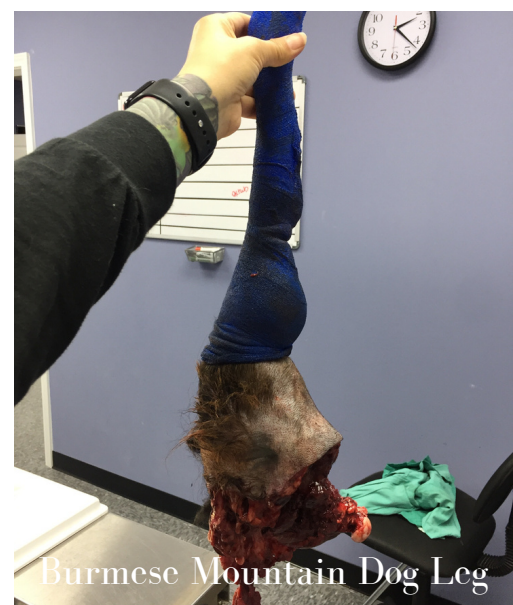
Her friends and family have all been aware of Jennies oddities collection, and now that she's began expanding on her collection she's also begun gifting special items to loved ones who understand her passion for the oddities. Her current employer has an oddities collection of her own, and has allowed Jenny to preserve and keep items from the facility after different animal procedures, since pet owners don't typically ask to keep their pets' leg, eye, kidney, etc. Most of her current collection does come from the veterinary clinic where she works; her most recent item is a leg from a 14 year old dog, and the most interesting oddity she's heard of is her boss' double-headed cat fetus. She claims the most "unique" item in her collection is a Dachshund puppy she keeps preserved in a mason jar full of formaldehyde.

Jenny is currently on the market for a double-headed calf or any kind of deformed animal. Tattoo conventions allow for oddities collectors to expand on their oddities collection while browsing to add to their tattoo collection. Texas laws allow for you to discard of animal carcasses in the dumpster, so if you have a curiosity for oddities this could be an avenue to begin your collection. Texas law do specify that you cannot euthanize an animal without confirmation and consent from the animals' owner. For people seeking human remains please research Texas laws and guidelines, and remember, murder is illegal, and not cool. There are plenty of oddities vendors, and you just have to keep an eye out for those following the appropriate procedures and ethically sourcing the items.

Jenny mentioned that she is part of an oddities group on Facebook, and the group has been incredibly helpful in regards to finding good, ethical, and reliable vendors; as well as, being able to share her collection and views others!

**Jenny noted that one of her favorite Texas oddities vendors is TheCuriositeer based in Austin ,Tx.**

The Texas Inked model said that her collection is very special to her and she hopes to continue to grow her current collection, and eventually graduate to human remains. When asked about her confront level around animal carcasses; Jenny stated that her career as a veterinary technician has allowed her to become very comfortable in those uncomfortable situations. Her career has allowed her to assist families during a difficult times when their fur babies were either injured, sick, or passing. Currently she prepares the bodies before they're euthanized, and she makes the paw molds for clients who lost their pets. She finds some sense of peace in making fur clippings and paw molds from the deceased animal for their humans. Jenny is very accustomed to being around with animal carcasses and oddities; and stated that if for whatever reason continuing in the veterinary field is not enough to feed her oddities hunger, she would consider taxidermy as a possible career in efforts to stay within her hobbies and interests.



**Please make sure to do your own research on local and ethically sourced oddities, make sure you're researching Texas laws regarding the purchase and preservation of remains, and share your collection with us!**



# ***TATTOO OF THE WEEK***



**Jon West**

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## We asked...

What 3 Songs get you  
in creative mode?

AGAINST ME!  
TRANSGENDER DYSPHORIA BLUES



02

JAY JOREE

TOP

3

03



03 The Distillers : Coral Fang

02 Against Me : Black Me Out

01 Bayside : Bury Me



# MICKEY

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DAKARI WINTER





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