

HIST 171: HISTORY OF ANIMALS

SPRING 2026

MWF 11:30-12:25

Satisfies History & Cultural Change (Group B) Requirement



Animals are everywhere in world history!

Explore how changing animal-human relationships have transformed both humans and other species while altering the global environment.

Learn, discuss, and research some of the ways humans have utilized animals as tools, companions, and commodities. Discover how animals have taken advantage of human activities for their own purposes. Focus will be on the world since 1500, but we'll also learn about the deeper history of hunting, domestication, and other animal-human interactions.



About The Instructor:

Arwen Mohun writes and teaches about the history of technology, material culture, and global history. Her lifelong involvement with animals includes working as a zookeeper, travelling on horseback through four continents, and cohabitating with a variety of reptiles, birds, and mammals.