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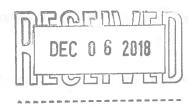
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News Release

Celebrating Animals in the Archives

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New exhibit to commemorate the importance of animals to the history of Ontario

Today, Ontario's Government for the People opened the new Archives of Ontario's *ANIMALIA: Animals in the Archives* exhibit, demonstrating the important role animals have played in the lives of Ontarians.

"Animals have always been a key part of Ontario's history, helping to shape our past. From pets, to farming and hunting, to service animals, they hold a special place in our hearts and in our province. This exhibit will enrich the lives of audiences and create a better understanding of our history," said Bill Walker, Minister of Government and Consumer Services.

The exhibit explores five distinct animal groups and their significance to Ontario's history: bears, birds, dogs, fish and horses.

Each animal's section will feature:

- A summary of the animal's changing role in Ontario
- A selection of records demonstrating the animal's importance in Ontario's past
- A spotlight on the work of an external institution to document, study, and/or maintain the animal's role in Ontario
- An interactive moment to engage visitors in the exhibit content.

"This free exhibit will also feature new curriculum-linked educational lesson kits and a workshop, making it fun and engaging for learners of all ages", said Walker.

The exhibit is free and open during regular business hours. Learn more: http://www.archives.gov.on.ca/en/explore/gallery/gallery.aspx

QUICK FACTS

- The Archives of Ontario's exhibit programme makes archival records accessible to the public and tells important stories from the province's past.
- Thousands of visitors engage with the Archives of Ontario's onsite exhibits each year.
- ANIMALIA: Animals in the Archives features more than one hundred archival records documenting different species
 across Ontario as far back as the late 18th century.
- The Archives of Ontario is the largest provincial archives in Canada and is located on the Keele Street Campus of York University.
- The Archives of Ontario offers many services to the public, including research guidance on genealogy and other records holdings. Learn more: http://www.archives.gov.on.ca/en/public/public.aspx

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