

Museum der  
Kulturen Basel

extended  
–May 14th  
**2023**



**animalistic!**

**No Culture  
Without Animals**

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Exhibition

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## No Culture Without Animals

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House tiger, lucky charm, tutelary deity, trophy, labour force, food source: animals play a wide range of roles. They are omnipresent in life and part of every culture. The relationship between humans and animals is rich, but ambivalent at the same time.

The exhibition reveals how cultures are shaped by animals. Humans seek their proximity. They use them and humanize them. They exert power over them, deploy them in war, and exploit them for entertainment purposes. Yet, throughout animals retain their sublimity, they are revered and approached for protection.

From dog vaccination certificates to teddies and lolcats, from saddles and muzzles to animals in paintings and statues: the exhibits bear witness to the complex relationship between humans and animals. How important the latter are to humans is borne out by revealing sacrificial offerings, amulets, masks, and even rattles.

“animalistic! One Theme – Four Exhibitions”  
is a joint project by four Basel museums:  
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Opening hours  
Tue – Sun 10.00 – 17.00  
First Wednesday of the month  
10.00 – 20.00

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**Exhibition dates**  
**partner museums:**

**Antikenmuseum Basel und Sammlung Ludwig**  
animalistic!  
Animals and hybrid creatures in Antiquity  
19.9.2021– 19.6.2022  
[antikenmuseumbasel.ch](http://antikenmuseumbasel.ch)

**Historisches Museum Basel – Musikmuseum**  
animalistic!  
The Sound of Animals  
22.10.2021– 25.6.2023  
[hmb.ch](http://hmb.ch)

**Pharmaziemuseum der Universität Basel**  
animalistic!  
From animal to active pharmaceutical ingredients  
3.12.2021– 5.6.2022  
[pharmaziemuseum.ch](http://pharmaziemuseum.ch)

The publication by the same name is available at the museum shop.

**Additional cooperation partner: Naturhistorisches Museum Basel**

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