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Do animals have a soul? Why do dragons appear in so many legends of the saints? Were monks allowed to keep pets? And were there zoos even in the Middle Ages? These and many other questions about animals and humans are answered in the Abbey Library's Winter Exhibition with the help of manuscripts and prints from the Middle Ages and the early modern period.

In her artistic intervention "Parades and Processions", St Gallen artist Marlies Pekarek offers a completely different view of animals. Inspired by the illumination in the manuscripts, she frames the Baroque Hall with small animals and hybrid creatures made of bronze, plaster, silicone, soap and wax. The animal groupings tell stories, depict metamorphoses and encourage discovery.

Opening hours

Monday to Sunday, 10 am – 5 pm |
Open every first Thursday of the month
until 7 pm | Closed 22/23 November and
24/25 December 2021

Admission prices

Entire Abbey District
CHF 18|16|12|10

Audio guide to the Abbey District and the old town

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Public guided tours

Daily at 2 pm, in German
Bookings for guided tours and information
tours@stiftsbezirk.ch, Phone +41 71 227 34 16

Exhibition catalogue

Available from the shop or via our website

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