





Animal feeding in the time of a pandemic

Care and feeding of pets in an pandemic

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Feeding zoo animals during crisis events.

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- Compassion
- Contributions
- Collective action





Photos left to right: 'Trümmerfrauen (rubble women)', Bruce, Through the Lion Gate (2017); 'Zoo reopens after disease scare', BBC, http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/scotland/1259420.stm (2001); 'Penguins Daily Walk', Gillespie, Story of The Edinburgh Zoo (1964); 'Coronavirus: How lockdown is affecting Scotland's Zoo animals', BBC, https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-52381954 (2020).

Pets and pests during COVID-19

Rome

- Cat feeding as part of the tourist economy in
- Shifting health paradigms in pet rescue homes
- An ethnography of voluntary work during emergency times?





Understanding historic raptor diets and feeding relationships

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Project aim: to contribute to an understanding of human-animal feeding in the past by exploring raptor diets using stable isotope analysis along with historical sources and skeletal biomarkers

Study species (proposed)

- Red kite (Milvus milvus)
- White tailed eagle (Haliaeetus albicilla)
- Northern goshawk (Accipiter gentilis)



Kites perched on men in a street scene from the *Hortus sanitatus*, 1491



"When the Kite builds, look to lesser Linen."

Shakespeare, The Winter's Tale, Act 4, Scene 3

Stuffed red kite from 1912 (extinct in England and Scotland), Reading Museum



Objectives

- To determine how indirect/direct provisioning of human foods to raptors can be identified using stable isotopic analyses
- ❖To explore how alternative avenues of skeletal investigation (pathologies, biometrics) and historical documentation can complement isotopic data
- ❖To examine how these dietary insights reflect past and present human relationships with raptors in settlement areas
- To understand how raptor diets in the past can inform our understanding of the spaces occupied by birds in rewilding efforts today

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