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Fierce Friends: Artists & Animals, 1750-1900. March 26-August 27, 2006.

In the 18th and 19th centuries, modern theories of evolution and the proliferation of machines elevated animals to a new status in religion, philosophy, and the arts. This exhibition, co-organized by Carnegie Museum of Art and the Van Gogh Museum, explores the ways that artists of the period addressed the issue of humanity's relationship with nature as exemplified through our treatment of animals. Through paintings, sculptures, prints, drawings, and photographs, the exhibition shows how the visual arts drew upon science, natural history, and literature about animals, and how those fields, in turn, were shaped, inspired, or influenced by the work of artists. Built around thought-provoking visual juxtapositions to surprise, delight, and provoke, the visitor encounters great paintings and sculptures next to fossils, specimens of taxidermy, ground plans of zoological gardens, illustrated books, birdcages, and steam engines.

For information about CMA's upcoming exhibition and the FREE presentation available at your location, please call Deborah Starling-Pollard, Community Liaison Specialist at (412) 622-5590 or pollardd@carnegiemuseums.org

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