

Bond Museum



“The modern animal protection movement has roots dating back to the 1700 and 1800s, the same era that initiated the struggle for women’s equality, abolitionism and children’s welfare,” says Carolyn Mullin, founder and executive director of the National Museum of Animals & Society (NMAS). “In fact, many animal advocates were also heavily involved in these other causes.” Today, though social justice movements are significantly represented in museums, animal advocacy is not. NMAS seeks to redress this oversight.

Currently an online entity, the new museum takes all aspects of the human-animal bond as its purview, with dogs playing a big role in early exhibitions. Interactive and traveling installations include “Be Kind: A Visual History of Humane Education, 1880–1945,” which opens in July on the NMAS website (museumofanimals.org). In the fall, the museum will sponsor a lecture series at the University of Redlands in Redlands, Calif.

The subject is suited to the moment. The Animal History Museum, also dedicated to the human-animal bond, launched a website earlier this year (animalhistorymuseum.org).



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