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Bat librarians



The baroque Joanina Library at the University of Coimbra in Portugal is well known for its exquisitely detailed gilding and woodwork, and also for its inhabitants: bats. They have been there for 300 years and provide an 1) _____ service. There are many bug species known to gnaw on paper, and pose a major danger to old books and priceless manuscripts. Thankfully, the bats, that call this place home, act as a form of natural pest 2) _____. They are 3) _____, so they don't bother library visitors during the day, but as soon as the sun sets, they start

coming out from behind the old book stands and feast on insects right before swooping out of the building through the open windows in search of water. It's no wonder that they are 4) _____ as "honorary librarians".

Miniature Guide Horses

Miniature horses have been recently 5) _____ as great therapy animals — but they're also increasingly in use as guides for the visually 6) _____ and the blind. But why not the more common guide dog? Miniature horses are ideal service animals for people who are allergic to dogs or who don't want to go through the heartbreak of losing a pet every 10 years. Miniature horses have been known to live 30 to 40 years, meaning that a handler may only need one individual companion for most of his or her life. They go through a 7) _____ veterinary examination for soundness and stamina, including an intelligence test. Selected horses then go through basic lead training and voice commands. While guide horses are legally allowed to go anywhere, they are not recommended as guides for urban dwellers who might rely on public transit too much. However, guide horses are comfortable in airplanes, buses, escalators, elevators and stairs, among other obstacles. When off-duty, guide horses live outside, and the Foundation sends a companion horse along for every working partnership to accommodate the horse as a herd animal.

