Carleton Assuages Fears: Campus Animals Safe to Eat

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After much inquiry, Carleton University has reminded students that all creatures on campus are indeed safe for consumption.

"We got many calls from students, mostly first years interested in homegrown Ottawa delicacies" says a spokesperson for the administration. They also recommended students hurry before the animals either migrate or go into hibernation for the winter.

There is currently only one group on campus that advocates for those interested in the culinary art of Carleton critters, and they were ecstatic at the public notice served by the university.

"We think it's great that the senior administration is stepping up and helping students get really involved with the growth of their campus." says Pauline McCartney, representative for the Perfectly Edible Delicious Animals society, a chef's rights collective. "I mean it's either that or the caf."

The initiative to introduce students to this renewable resource has its roots in the Graduate Students Association gardening efforts. Not only wanting to provide healthy alternatives to the vegetarian community at Carleton, many vouched for the creation of a purely carnivorous program.

The PEDA society was founded in tandem by CUSA and the GSA in an attempt to bridge the gap between the two unions. Just as with the garden program on campus, Carleton's administration wholly supported the creation of the beefier society, even going so far as to speed up funding for their first 'meating'*.

The society provides students with safe collection practices and affordable recipes for each specie. The following are several excerpts taken from their website;

"Got root veggies? Got hot water? If you're in Glengarry, that's unlikely, but if you hurry before winter sets in you can make a Smashing Squirrel Tail stew!

Seafood more your forte? No problem! Get the local catch of carp, straight from the canal! Wrap it up in equally appetizing algae and have yourself some Rideau-Robbed Sushi.

The Raven is a regal bird that truly deserves it's reputation as the king of Carleton. We recommend a roast with a sprinkling of crushed acorns between the wings, on a bed of maple leaves with the aphids picked off. Formerly a dish only the Prime Minister could afford, now in the comfort of your dorm!"

The list goes on and on. So if you're strapped for cash this semester, why not try the REAL budget diet? Disclaimer: The Hallowed Hog does not support the consumption of the groundhogs on campus as they are technically staff.

*This is the only part of the article we apologize for.