Scene-stealing animals from stage and screen

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In a media-rich culture, people spend a lot of time talking about and idolizing Hollywood stars and athletes.

However, one group of "stars" that never seems to get the same attention is animals. So, here's a list of some of the most famous, oft-remembered and loved animals of the past and present:

• Morris the cat — Morris was the orange tabby that starred in more than a dozen 9 Lives cat food commercials. His real name was Lucky.

• Old Yeller — Movie star and hero. Who didn't shed a tear when he was shot because of rabies?

• Sandy — The dog from the movie *Annie*. A better best friend couldn't be found.

• Lassie — Timmy's best friend. When Lassie came home, we all cheered.

• Hooch — From the movie *Turner & Hooch*. The scene in which he shook his head and slobber flew everywhere was disgusting, funny and endearing.

• The Littlest Hobo — The hardest working detective out there. Hobo spent his days travelling around and helping those who couldn't help themselves.

• Eddie — The dog from Frasier. The dog that started the Jack Russell Terrier craze. AKA Moose.

• Rin Tin Tin — Star of the silent screen.

• Babe — Perhaps the most famous pig ever. Likely responsible for making more than a few kids push their pork chops around on their plates.

• The dog from the Taco Bell commercials. Yo quiero Taco Bell?

• Ed the talking horse and Francis the talking mule. Two of the first talking animals.

• Dino — Fred Flinstone's nemesis.

And don't forget the whole cast of other animated critters.

Honourable mentions have to go to Benjie, Black Beauty, Willy, Silver, Arnold, Beethoven, Cheetah, Flipper, That Darn Cat, Trigger, Hammy Hamster, Champion and Algernon.

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