

Mongoose: A Manifestation of Various Deities in Ancient Egypt

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Abstract: *Ancient Egyptians believed in worshipping different deities of various forms like animals, birds, reptiles, insects and so on. These deities are characterized by representing the cosmic aspects and their influence over human lives and occupation. The earliest recorded deities were in most cases taking animal forms like the falcon and the cow.*

Mongoose was considered one of the Ancient Egyptian sacred animals. It was a manifestation of several deities such as Mafdet, Atum, Thot, Ra, Horus of Letopolis and Wadjet. This study focused on the characteristic features of mongoose animal, the common attributes of the mongoose as an animal and some of the Ancient Egyptian deities and the cult centers of mongoose according to its deities.

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