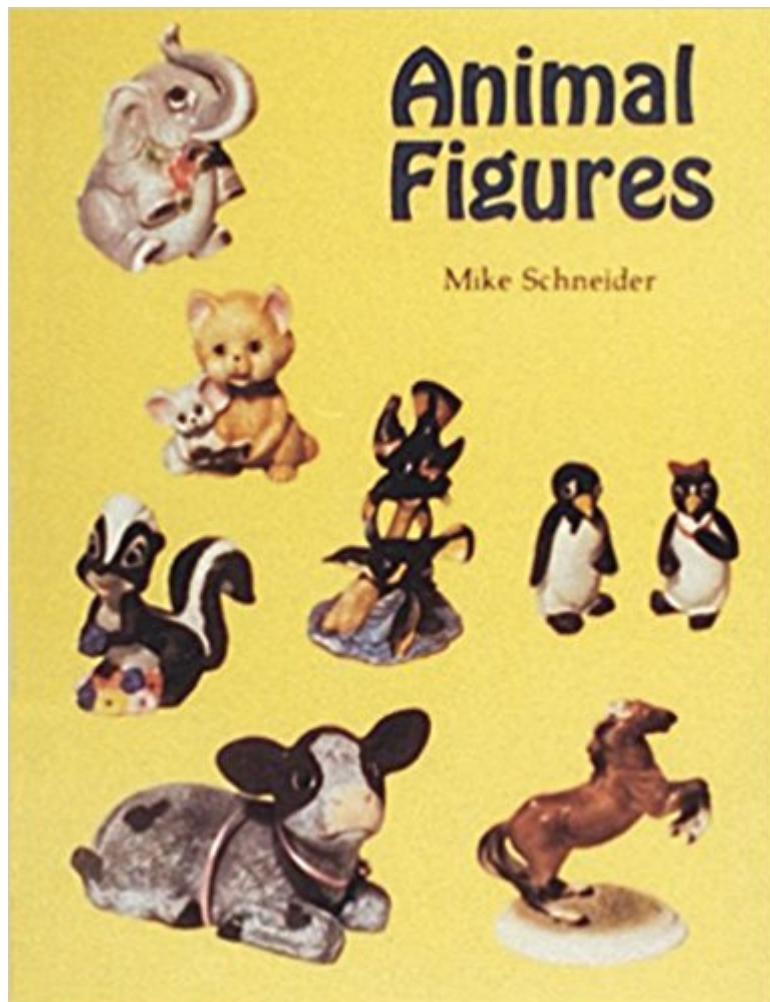


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# Animal Figures



## **Synopsis**

While collecting small animal figures has been a popular hobby for some years, information about them has been scanty. Mike Schneider explores this popular collectibles field in depth. Included are figures produced by such well known firms as Frankoma and Royal Doulton, plus the works of lesser known but important artisans such as Chester Nicodemus and Howard Pierce. There are also generic chapters that cover animals by species: bears, cats, dogs, donkeys, deer, elephants, and many more. Included, too, is carnival chalkware, characters such as Mickey Mouse, and useful animal figures such as bottle openers and banks. Animals appear in all mediums from porcelain to peach pits, from brass to glass. *Animal Figures* is amply illustrated with more than 800 color photographs. A price guide is included.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Mike Schneider resides in Ohio. His previous works include Majolica, published by Schiffer Publishing.

I was really impressed with the quick delivery. The book was in great condition and I loved every page of it. I would definitely look to buy another book or item from Mike Schneider.

This was one of the most helpful books on the subject. My only regrets are that it there wasn't more of it!

This book is truly a waste of money unless you like looking at pictures of ceramic animals, and nothing more. There is no consistency, and little information. It is sorted by manufacturer in the beginning, and then switches to sorting by animal, and then it switches to sorting by type (what it's made of, what it's used for). Any company history information written in this book can be grabbed right off the internet. It's shallow and incomplete. There is no rhyme or reason for the items that were chosen for the photos. If it's breakable, and an animal, it could probably go in this book. The captions on the pictures merely describe what you see, such as "Dog with duck", and what it reads on the bottom, if anything. And it gives a height. The names of the types of animals aren't even correct. It refers to a Boxer figurine as being the same breed as a Bulldog. It labels a Basset Hound as a Beagle. They even question in the caption "..the dog, or is it a fox?". I have my copy up for sale. Can't wait to get some money back for this.

I am an antique dealer, I bought this book years ago and never really use it because does not contain much useful information. I bought an elephant today that's American made and dated 1939. I can't make out the mark and started going through some books. I saw this book and started going through it. I forgot just how useless this book really was. It is a collection from the author I would guess. Far too many pieces not researched and not identified as to the maker. The book tells you things like ceramic pig 4" long. Hello if you have the piece I think you would know this. My advice is to save your money and buy another book. I am surprised Schiffer published this thing to be honest. Most of their books are quite good.

Bought for my great niece and she loves it. I have already received drawings from her.

Mr. Schneider has a fantastic grasp of the collectibles. Great photographs by his wife, Cindy. What a wonderful book! Thank you!Karen (Cooper) Ewald

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