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Discovery of bones on display

ANIMAL bones found during the excavation of Cardigan Castle will be on show to the public when the castle's renovation project is completed.

Archeologists believe the medieval inhabitants of Cardigan Castle may have eaten dolphin after finding parts of a dolphin skull buried in the castle grounds.

During excavation work a number of animal bones have been found, including dogs, cows, sheep and birds.

Castle director Cris Tomos said: "We had quite a shock when we found dolphin bones. The evidence points that they would probably have eaten dolphin during the medieval period.

"We also found dog bones. It is difficult to say what significance there is in terms of whether they ate them or kept them."

Mr Tomos said he hopes the bones can be put on show for people to see once the castle is renovated and back up and running.

Among the other animals found during the excavation were mummified cats which had once belonged to Barbara Woods.

The castle was home to the original Eisteddfod in 1176 and the building is more than 900-years old.

Sections of the castle will open to the public over the coming months with the castle expected to be completed by August.