Animal Adventure!

Follow the clues and see how many of these animals you can find in Dublin Castle.

1. At the top of the stairs, have a look at the carpet. There are four symbols representing the provinces of Ireland. One of them represents Connacht, in the west of Ireland. It includes an arm with a sword, and what animal?
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2. Make your way to the Drawing Room (this is a large room with pink furniture and lots of mirrors). If you look carefully you might find an animal in a portrait of a lady. What is it?

3. Also in this room, there are some blue and white vases. Look at the ones against the wall of the room. What animal can you see splashing on these?
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4. Continue on to the Throne Room. Some of the animals in Dublin Castle are mythological, which means they only exist in fairy-tales. Can you see one in this room? It is here because it represents the country of Scotland (Clue: Look up!).
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5. Beside the mythological animal is the animal that represents England. What is it?
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6. The next room is the Dining Room. Can you find the eagles watching over the mirrors? What colour are they?
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7. The last room is St Patrick’s Hall (this is a large room with a blue carpet and gold columns). There are lots of animals in here. Look up at the flags. These are all crests that represent different families. What black animal with a long tail can you find?
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8. Also on one of the flags, there is a green animal with a long tail. This is another mythological animal. What is it?

9. There are lots of animals on the plaques on the walls. On one wall there is a St Patrick’s Star in a display case. If you look at the plaques just above it, what antlered animal do you see?

10. To find the final animal, make your way back downstairs, and find a portrait of a man called the Earl of Zetland. There is a crest above his painting which includes a lion (although it also looks a bit like a dragon!). What colour is it?

Congratulations on finding the animals of Dublin Castle! Now, why not draw your favourite animal below? And don't forget to look out for more animals on other old buildings around Dublin.