

ARTY Cats



This "lion" is in a church mural in San Marti de Cortinada, on Andorra (Spanish Administration) 404 (2014).

The lion mural of San Marti de Cortinada is shown below.



Andorran Mural

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The Romanesque church of San Martin in La Cortinada, in Andorra, was built in the 12th century, and was expanded in the 17th and 18th centuries.

It is a beautiful example of medieval architecture made famous by a set of four baroque altarpieces, wrought iron gates and colorful murals painted in the late 12th century.

Among the most prominent images on these murals is a fantastic blue animal with a forked tongue, which some art historians identify as a lion, but others consider to be a wolf. It is difficult to make a certain determination, as the animal has features of both beasts, so it could possibly be a fantastic composite creature which is a result of the imagination of the unknown artist.

In 1982, the postal authority of Andorra's French Administration issued a single stamp depicting this mural (Scott 299), and in 2014, the Spanish Administration issued a souvenir sheet depicting a close-up of the creature (Scott 404).[🐾]



Andorra (French Administration) Scott 299 (1982) and the outside of a portion of San Marti de Cortinada.