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Animal Bones from Stamford Coop

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of ninth to twelfth century date,

The bone material from this site/was in two groups, one each from Layer 5 (25 identified specimens) and from Layer 7 (53 specimens). In Layer 5 the species present were cattle, sheep and probably goat, pig, black rat (Rattus rattus), rabbit (Oryctolagus cuniculus) and domestic fowl and from Layer 7; cattle, pig, sheep, horse and rabbit. It is evident that the collection is too small to allow of any significance being attached to any differences or similarities between the two groups.

In Layer 5 was found a portion of horn core which more closely resembled that of goat than sheep but which was too small for positive identification. There were no specimens of particular note in Layer 7.

Both black rat and rabbit, provided the latter is not an ~~intruder~~ intruder by burrowing, supply contributory dating evidence or at least a terminus ante quem. The black rat, here represented by a single femur, is usually quoted as being introduced in the ~~12th~~ 12th century and the rabbit by the Normans.

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