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Birke as bio-engineer

Vancouver painter **Lisa Birke**'s solo exhibition *Clones, Hybrids and Techno-Beasts* opens Saturday at Bau-XI Gallery. Her paintings are crammed with cloned rats, mice, rabbits, dalmatians, sheep, cows and chickens, while in others she conceals clones gone awry: Orangu-rats fighting over M&M's, a pistol-packing flying raccoon. Humans, themselves, are cloned and piled in with the animals. Birke is clearly uneasy with concepts of bio-engineering yet some of the works are hilarious.



Lisa Birke's *Cloned Scratch'n'Hatch* is included in her solo exhibition *Clones, Hybrids and Techno-Beasts*, opening at Bau-XI Gallery Saturday.