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Winston Churchill was known for his great love for and admiration of animals. He was amused, intrigued, enchanted and often besotted with a vast menagerie, from a pet budgerigar that drank whiskey from his glass, to dogs, cats, goats, fish, butterflies, and his own lion, leopard and white kangaroos kept at London Zoo.

Voted the 'Greatest Briton' in a BBC poll, *Churchill's Bestiary* paints a rich and intriguing portrait of Churchill, shedding new light and showcasing his wit, wisdom and wayward genius from an entirely new perspective. Containing rare images and much unpublished material from the Churchill Archives, including a letter which casts an intriguing light on Churchill's pre-marital love life, Dr Piers Brendon looks deeper into Churchill's love of the animal kingdom.

In this fascinating book, critically-acclaimed author Piers Brendon explores the paradox of Churchill as the animal-loving-hunter: he hunts foxes yet keeps them as pets; he likes fishing but loves fish; along with the man who used analogies to animals time and time again in his speeches and writings.

"The world would be better off if it were inhabited only by animals" Winston Churchill

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