

Did Jesus Ever Own a French Poodle?

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The Lord loves all the animals that He created...*to a degree*,
Whether mixed-up mutts or purebreds with fine pedigrees.
Yet, why is the Bible so strangely silent about Jesus owning a pet?
Wasn't it possible that one of his apostles cuddled a fer-*ret*?

A camel, a donkey or a lamb just ain't the same as a dog.
They have hooves n' tails but possess the personality of a log.
Being so smart, it's obvious that Jesus owned a dog, faithful and true.
When He needed to be alone, His animal surely helped him through.

Though He smiles on all the shaggy, wagging, barking breeds,
Because of his public reputation there was one He could not concede.

A French Poodle would have caused many to fall away,
Remember, the Lord of Lords already had many that did *naysay*.

The Messiah came to earth with a heavenly cause.
There was no room for a dolled-up dog with painted, manicured claws.
A poodle's constant need of special brushing, cleaning and care
Would've drained away precious ministry time, grooming that poofy hair.

One cannot imagine Him taking such an animal for a walk.
Just think of the embarrassing pointing, jesting and talk.
Even for a man's man, it would have been hard to bear,
Making some to stumble and others to swear.

When He walked upon the water, there was no poodily pooch trotting beside.
Of course, *if there had been*, why then does Scripture so hide?
The four-footed French canine is so prissy, showy and vain.
If the Son of Man had owned one, how could He ever show His face on Earth again?