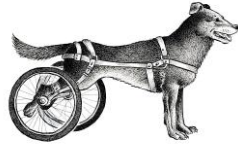




De Bestiarum Naturis 569 – The Dog With Wheels



*In our time, one often hears it said
that there are more writers than buyers of books,
more poets than readers:
and this is said with contempt,
as if it were an intolerable paradox
or a peculiarity of the present age.
As though the poet, in this way,
were stripped of something to which he
has a right almost by birth or by statute.*

*To me, instead, it seems a miracle.
And it would surely appear so to anyone
strong enough to admit that poetry,
in order to be itself, need not be rare,
and that art in general is not an exception
but rather the rule of the free person,
who expresses themselves freely.
If we multiply beauty,
we do not diminish it,
for beauty is never repetitive.
In short, it is only thanks to this thought
that I prepared this chapter,
in which I write of a Dog with Wheels
and of a few other ends.*

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