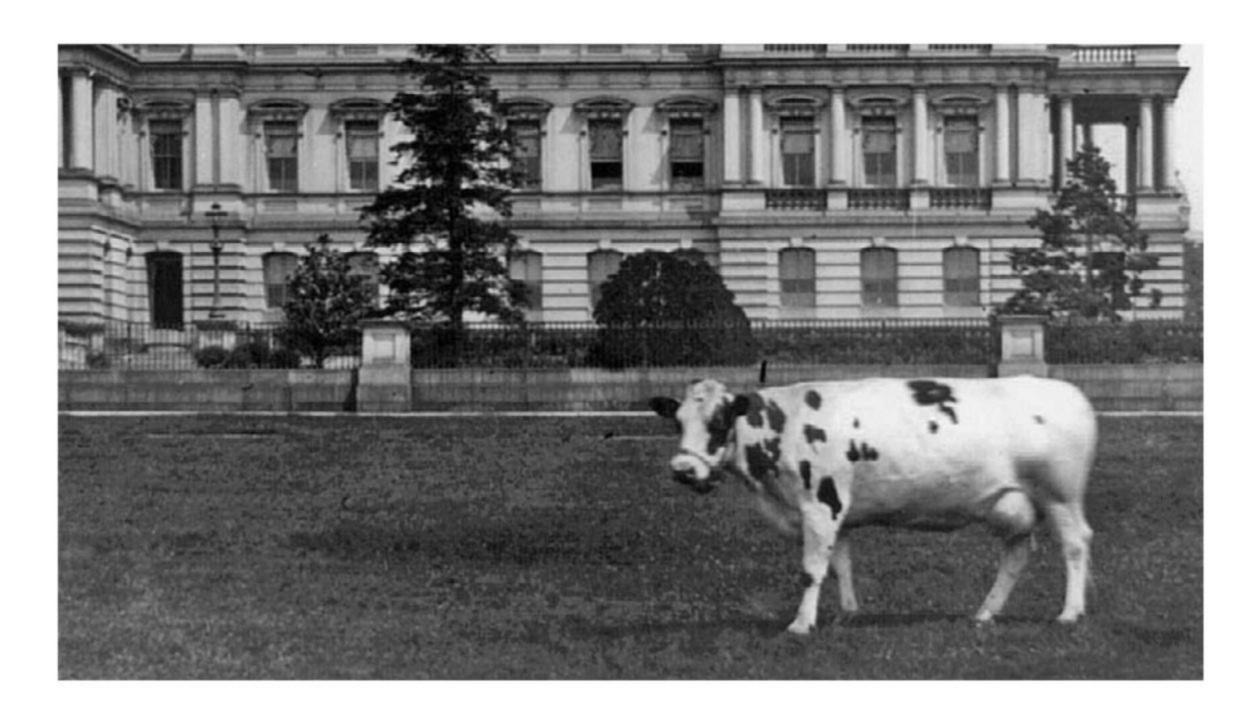


# Weird White House Pets



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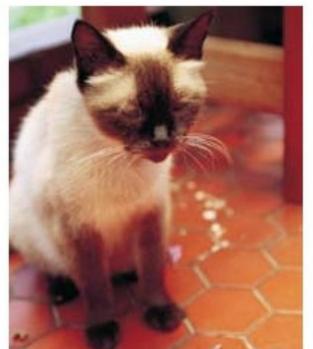
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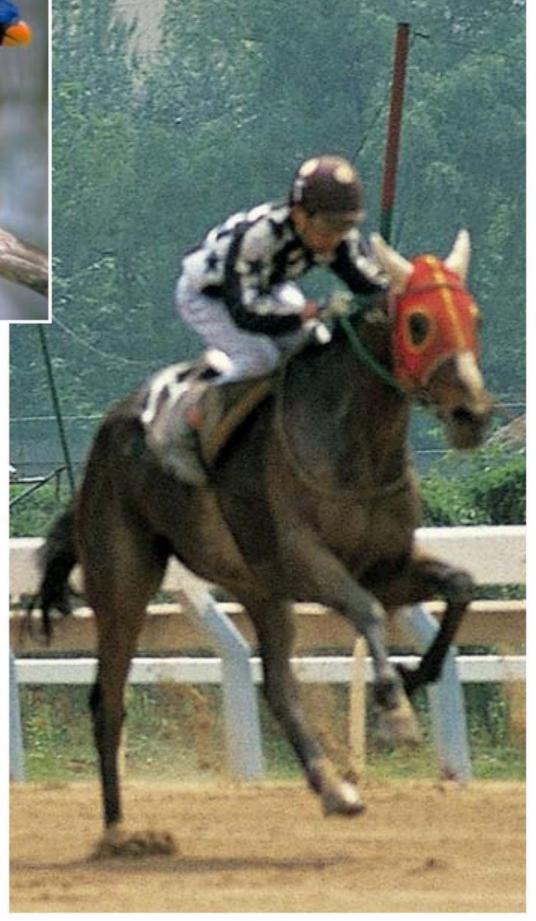




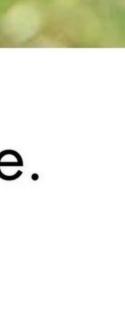
## Odd Pets

Most presidents have had pets. They have had dogs, cats, birds, and horses.

But some very odd pets have lived at the White House, too.







Woodrow Wilson

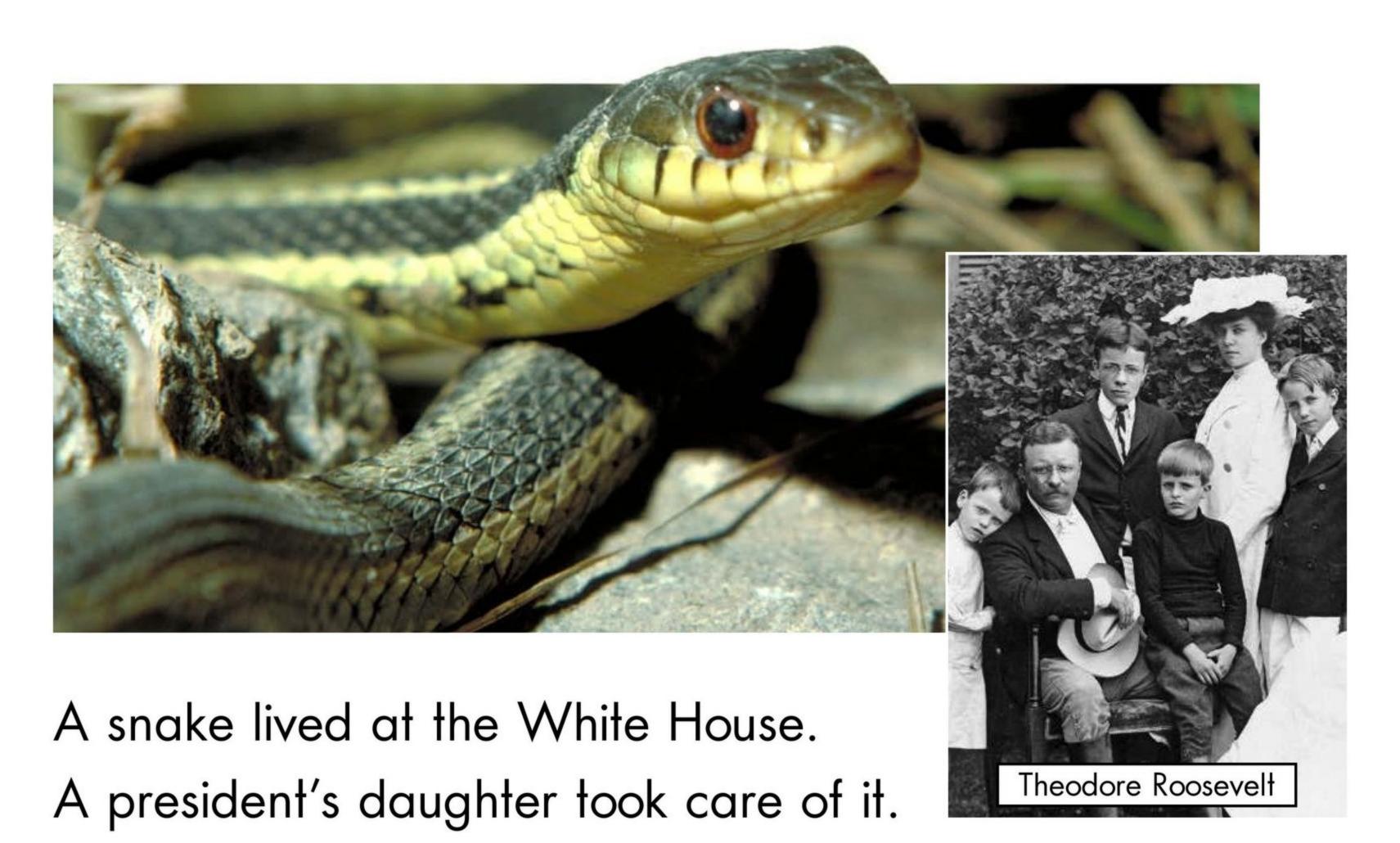
Sheep lived at the White House. They kept the grass trimmed.

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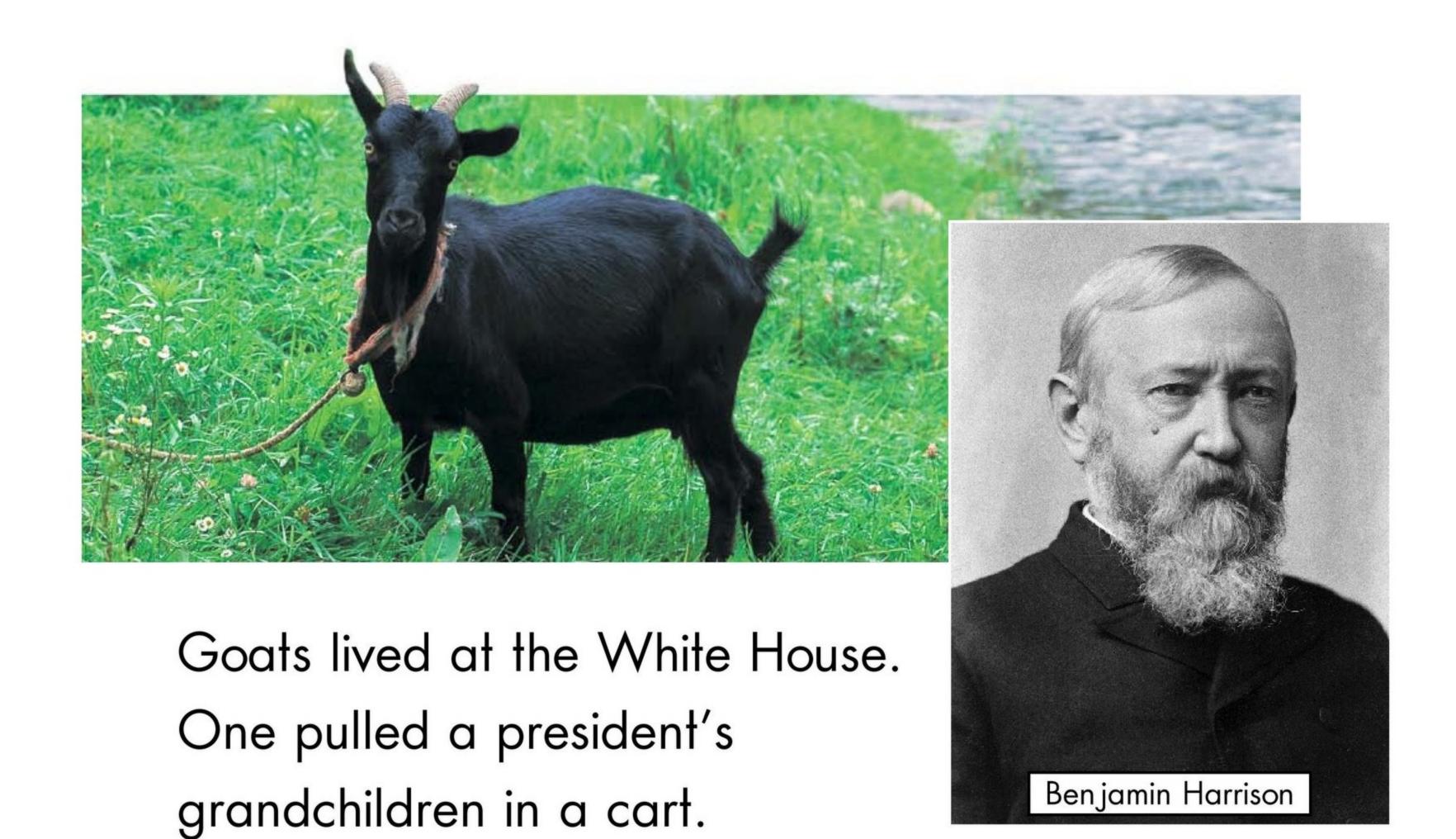


A raccoon lived at the White House. A president walked it on a leash.

Calvin Coolidge



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A flying squirrel lived at the White House.

A president let it climb on him.

Theodore Roosevelt



Thomas Jefferson

Bears lived at the White House. A president walked them in the garden.

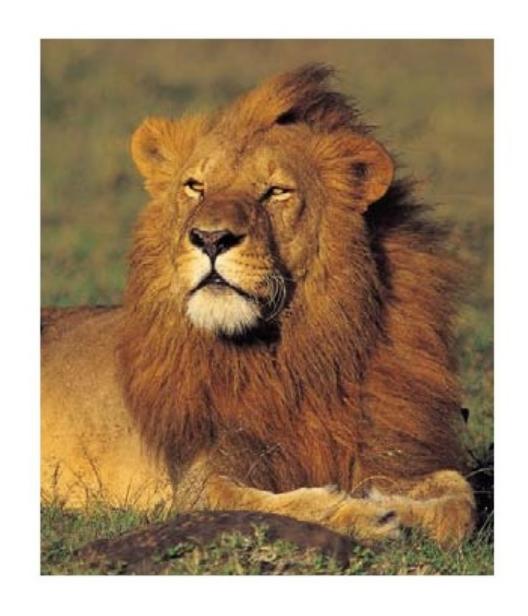


An alligator lived at the White House. It lived in a bathtub.

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John Quincy Adams







Pets That Couldn't Stay
Elephants, lions, a tiger, and
a hippo were gifts to presidents.
They went to live at a zoo.

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Cover: President George W. Bush's dog Spot sleeps on a brand-new rug in the Oval Office.

Back cover: Barack Obama walks with his family and their dog, Bo.

Title page: Pauline, pet cow of President William Howard Taft, in front of the State, War, and Navy Building, in Washington, D.C.

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