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TO MY SISTER, BERTHA,
WHO HAS KNOWN ALL AND POSSESSED MANY
OF THE PETS
WHOSE HISTORY THIS BOOK CONTAINS,
IT IS DEDICATED.

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PREFACE.

SOME months ago I read, for about the sixth time, a book called "Live Toys, or Anecdotes of our four-legged and other Pets." It was given to us when we were quite little children, and has always been our favourite among a whole library of story-books.

As I came to the end of the last page and sat by the fire, thinking over the adventures of Neddy, the donkey, Drake, the brown retriever, the mischievous pony, Bluebeard, and all the other live toys that belonged to that little boy and girl, the thought occurred to me : what a pity it is that there are not more of such interesting, because true, stories ; for almost anyone who has lived for some years in the country could write an amusing history of the manners and doings of their pet animals, which are sure to have been different from those of any others.

Then there passed before my mind a long succession of all the pets that have belonged to me and my brothers and sisters ever since I can remember anything. And