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THESE ANIMALS GET AROUND

Sally the seal and Billy the dog are joint household pets with Captain Tressider - a Boston publican. Inseparable companions, theirs is not cat and mouse friendship, but one that springs from a common dislike of walking.

It's only at night-time that they separate. With Billy a teetotaler (that's where Sally's theatrical temperament, which stems from her grandfather - a performing sealion) becomes noticeable. Collecting for charity, Sally brings new fame to a long line of seals - and new customers to the Cross Keys. It must be the watery look around her eyes, that makes them so thirsty.

Thirsty, too, are these three sad members of the San Francisco Zoo, who with tears in their eyes, contemplate the plight of their sister May, stuck in an eight foot meat. Poor May! A lover of delicacies, she leaned too far for a badly thrown peanut and landed in a monkey nut goldmine - filled with a year's supply of near misses. It takes a ramp and a lot of coaxing to persuade the two-ten Tital to become de-meated.

Pleased as punch at the outcome of her escapade, May bows to the crowd. Yes, it's been a day no elephant will ever forget!