Cats and Dogs in Brass

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The following picture is an advert for the Champion Brass Band Journal, which was published regularly, providing bands with the opportunity to try out new pieces of music from, usually, the solo cornet part being featured. The full set of parts could then be purchased or, in many cases with similar journals, a subscription service could be supplied.

It did, however, get me thinking about representations of cats (and by extension, dogs) and their anthropomorphic appearances as brass players in various postcards and similar published material. Thus, I have selected a number of such “cat” cards and a much smaller set of “dog” ones – why the difference in popularity/availability I wonder? – and show them here for your delectation.

![Advertisement for the Champion Brass Band Journal](Image)

Firstly – the Cats...
May **GOOD LUCK**
always "blow" your way!

**The Bandmaster.**

Loving Birthday Wish

Pussy blows the trumpet
To let you know
he's here
And brought my Birthday wish
to you
That every joy be near.

Kleiner Glückwunsch zum Geburtstage
WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT MUSIC?
"Just hum a song, as you travel along-
Keep right on humming with me!"

Qu'est-ce qui paie une tournée?
La première, c'est la mienne.
Chacun paiera la sienne
A la fin de la journée!

Van rom-bom-bom
Bromt de grote dikke trom.
Musikalische Aussprache.

“I wana love you, but you no wana!”
“C'est jeune, et ça ne sait pas!”
С Днём Рождения!

Que ce petit chien vous fasse mon meilleur souvenir, et vous dise de toujours revenir bientôt parmi nous.
A Happy Birthday.

Here's a bright little card
And I hope that to-day
Will be just as bright,
As the flowers in May.

We'll get out the band to meet you when you come.
Qu'est-ce qui paie une tournée?
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À la fin de la journée!
Carry on!

With Good Luck
to us all

Les chats artistes. - La Musique
Nous allons vous mettre en gaieté...

... pour tout le restant de l'année.
Happy Christmas Greetings

The very smart appearance of this popular Brass Band is much admired by every Cat who lives in Pussyland.
Finally, for cats, a couple where the cats are subjected to the brass instrument

Secondly – the Dogs...
With his baton in his hand
Herr Barkski leads the Bow Wow band.

Trio.

Wo man singt, da fass dich ernstig nieder.

Friedlieb Fürstenberg

GmH.
A merry Christmas
and a bright New Year