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Saffron Walden, Essex.

I DON'T LOVE YOUR DOG!

I didn't grow up with dogs and have always had a deep fear of them. Most of my friends, neighbours and relatives are friendly dog people, but I can no longer hide the fact that I don't like their dogs. There, I said it. My secret is out.

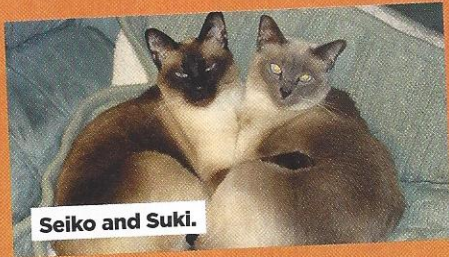
Besides sniffing, slobbering, jumping on you and barking until you want to scream, they have to be walked in every kind of weather and someone has to pick up their poop. They are certainly nothing like cats.

I often take walks in the park and see people walking their dogs. When I smile, they wrongfully assume I love their dogs as much as they do and let them inch too close to me. That puts me way out of my comfort zone.

I have a confession to make though:

sometimes I click 'Like' on dog photos and videos on Facebook. For a split second, I understand why dogs are adored. When I come back to reality, I realise that simply glancing at a dog's photo or video on a computer screen isn't the same as being in the same room with them — and I am relieved to be a cat mum!

Melodee Currier, Ohio, USA.



Seiko and Suki.

CLEO'S STORY

one of the family. She helped me come
tunnel to the other side.