

Steiff bears abandon China

STEIFF TEDDYBEARS IN THE ROUGH AND TUMBLE OF PARACHUTING FROM KITES ARE AS RARE AS HENS

TEETH, THOUGH THERE HAVE BEEN ACOUPLE THAT WE KNOW OF. HUMES BUY STEIFF FOR THEIR QUALITY, EVEN IF THAT COMES AT AN EYEWATERING PRICE. ITS A CASE OF, WANT THE BEST? PAY FOR IT.

However just recently it all went a bit pearshaped when Steiff announced that they were abandoning manufacture of their Bears in China due to a fall in quality of their products. Funny how they never gave as much publicity some four years ago to the fact that they in common with lots of other Western companies were switching production to China on the principle that cost cutting increases profits so everyone is happy, unless that is you were one of the mugs paying the aforesaid eyewatering Top Dollar prices and ending with a product that isnt quite as it seems.

From now on admitted a rather red faced Steiff Managing Director Martin Frechen, all our Bears will once again be made in Germany, where we have both the craftsmanship and and quality standards our customers expect. Mr Frechen went on to say that Chinese production had worked wonders for the companys balance sheet but at a price . The price was altogether too high, in fact what price can you put on a reputation. Arguably one of the oldest Teddybear Manufacturers, Steiff had, never before in its history ever had such a Barrage of customer complaints, so if your Hume is one of those who are less than impressed, now they know why.

Its sad when you think more about it. Will Teddybear collections worldwide come under close srutiny from now on as owners awake to the fact that their suspicions were not bordering on paranoia that something was not quite right, which is a pity 'cos lots of Teddybear afficionados go for the instant visual appeal no matter where the Bear is made. Be that as it may of course as with otherthings there are label collectors who are intrested in little else.

It may sound smug but theres a certain satisfaction in knowing that your, pack, herd, gathering or whatever of furry wotsits are mainly the denisons of market stalls, charity shops and of previous ownership than worrying wether or not they were born with a bullet thr SO ITS VORSPRUNG

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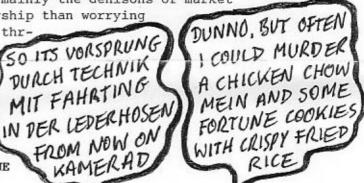
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ough the lughole, an 'ump and a cut glass accent. But yoo pays yer money and takes yer choice. Eh, who shouted out that that what happens when the suits and bean counters take over the running of a good old company.

£43,000 teddy OH, DASH IT ALL PEREGRINE WHAT IS THIS THING CALLED A CREDIT CRUNCH? IS A DOWNTURN SIMILAR TO A RECESSION OLD BEAN?

Obviously crunches, downturns and recessions wont apply tosome out there as Selfridges have just put on sale a Teddybear made by Steiff, and we can assume that its not made in China, with wait for it Eyes of emerald and diamonds and a nose of solid 24 carat gold and a warning that it must not be parachuted from a kite and faceplanting into a wet juicy Cow Pat up on the hill.

Yours for just £43,000. Yep fortyfree fahsand squids. Their coming to take me away ha, ha, to the funny farm

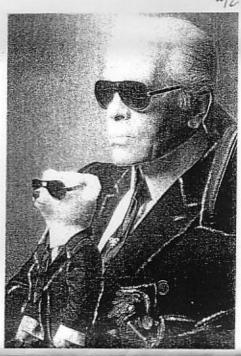


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EAGLE EYED READERS WILL HAVE QUICKLY IDENTIFIED THE FAMOUS TWOSOME IN THIS PHOTO. OF COURSE ITS THE ONE AND ONLY LEGENDARY KARL LAGERFELD AND HIS MATE KARL LAGER-BEARFELD, THE FASHION DESIGNING DYNAMIC DUO.

As you know, Herr Lagerfeld specialises in exclusive fashion wear for A list celebs and wealthy women about the world, whilst his shortarse mate thinks he does the same for A list celeb bears with the addition of designer parachutes for wealthy parachuting bears about the world.

There are problems however. Whilst Herr Lagerfelds products simply fly off the shelves, Karl Lagerbearfeld has yet to see any of his designs fly anywhere. Not surprising really as Lagerbearfeld has lost the plot somewhat. Has nobody got the heart to tell him that there is no such thing as a wealthy A list celeb parachuting furry wotsit.



Parachuting furry wotsits by their very nature are a bunch of cheeseparing, binge boozing scrotes who would never waste good drinking money on poncy fashion parachutes when they have mug humes who will make them for nothing. So there you go Kark Lagerbearfeld you are not a fashion designer, you are a Steiff bear made to honour the real Karl Lagerfeld, and you come in a dark suit with trademark high collar, a trendy pair of shades and as you are not made in China you are on sale at an eyewatering price of wait for it, £750 a pop.....cor you'd git a wagon load of beer

Bearing the brunt

OF THE TED BERETS ASSAULT ON THE AKA'S 31st CONV-ENTION AT GETTYSBURG, ELECTRIC ARFA SAID, THAT HE WAS LOOKING FORWARD TO THE DO EVEN WITH THE TB'S IN TOW, THOUGH HE WAS A BIT WORRIED.

Arfa is worrying that the U,S, immigration service might kick up a stink over a bunch of wild hanimules with attitude and parachutes trying to gain entry to the U.S. Hopefully there will be no probs, cos they're friendly and they aint rabid are they? Thing is theres already been a few ructions amongst them Ted Berets. Due to the fact that the convention is being held at Boyds Bears (yeah, right) near Gettyburg, half of the little sods want to be Meades Army of the Potomac, half want to be Lee's Army of Virginia and half want to be there for the beer. The BOF suggested that Arfa should drag them all up to Little Round Top and bash their heads together, that might sort 'em out.

Diss Express

ARTHUR ALSO RECENTLY GAVE SOME ADVICE AND IDEAS AS WELL AS A PATTERN FOR A BRAVERY CERTIFICATE TO THE ORGANISERS OF A CHARITY BEAR DROP IN SUFFOLK.

Bears take to the air They had heard of parachuting Teds but did'nt have a clue as to how to go about it. With Arthurs help the event at Wattisfield in Suffolk went off quite well though there



was a touch of the weird about it. The do was in aid of funds towards a childrens play area, and talk about covering any eventuality there was even an accident and emergency tent staffed by Teddy Medics from the Red Cross. So what was verging on the weird well the Bears were launched not from Kites or even a Fire engine ladder, but from a 12m Teleporter courtesy of a local plant hire firm. The organisers bear declined to jump claiming that he was suffering from hypertension and the local rag, the Diss Express reported the do as a competition and the winner did a jump of 11.4 metres, thats about 38'6", much lower, theyd be underground and there was a sighting of what appeared to be a polythene para chute, devils own job trying to get a decent pic of that, but hey that could be a worlds first, never seen one of those before. Weird or what, who cares as the event raised £385 towards the play area, and as you know, every little helps

Tales of the unexpected

IT SEEMS AS IF THE HUME PARACHUTISTS ARE INCREASINGLY GETT-ING MORE DESPERATE IN THEIR ENDEAVORS TO UPSTAGE US FURRY WOTSITS.

YET AGAIN! Recently at the Bad Lippspringe Centre in Germany, Six British soldiers were up in an Islander preparing to do a jump which, as it happened for five of went off O.K. However when the sixth Hume exited the aircraft it all went a bit pearshaped, as it does, and no one is really sure what happened, his chute prematurely deployed and wrapped itself around the landing gear, leaving said Hume dangling in the slipstream, and literally up the creek without a paddle.

So there you have it, a plane flying strangely according to the pilot. A bod dangling from the undercarriage, thinking its goodnight vienna, what happened next? A brave descision was taken by the pilot who had quickley twigged what the problem with his air craft was. He took a chance and left his controls at some 3,000ft, went back to the exit hatch and cut the parachutist free, who was able to deploy his reserve and descend safely. The pilot regained control of the aircraft and also landed safely whereupon being congratulated on his action he requested upon his identity being kept secret saying he had done what any pilot would have done in the circumstances.....

AND THE NEXT ONE RIGHT IN HERE.... JUST AS YOU'RE GETTING YOUR BREATH BACK AFTER THE ABOVE IT GETS EVEN WEIRDER... THE MAN WHO FELL TO EARTH OUT FOR THE COUNT....

Can you make a parachute jump and not remember a thing about it? You sure can and if you are really lucky and survive a successful jump, albeit with just a few cuts and bruises, you could almost be on the way to becoming something of a legend. So there you are 4,500ft above Netheravon Wiltshire, you jump, hit the tailplane a mighty wallop, knocking you senseless, but luckily enough for you the impact deploys your reserve and the first you know about it is when you regain conciousness in the ambulance on the way to hospital. Talk about a jammy sod, not only did he survive the bash into the tailplane. which could have killed him, he also was lucky that the reserve deployed and wait for it although he did not know it at the time, he also landed smack bang in the middle of the

IT SEEMS AS IF NEITHER OF THE ABOVE HUMES HAS BEEN PUT OFF PARACHUTING IN FUTURE, SO WATCH OUT, THE LOONY HUMES MAY GET EVEN MORE DESPERATE.

TED SAVES FALL TO

OF COURSE ANYTHING HUMES CAN DO TEDS CAN DO BETTER....

A Three year old girl who plummeted from a fith floor window was able to toddle off unhurt after her landing was cushioned by her Teddybear.

Anna Alekseyeva has climbed onto a window ledge whilst clutching her 2ft Ted. She slipped and plunged more than 50ft but was unhurt.

A police spokesman in UFA Western Russia said that the kiddy had been given the Ted for her birthday a few months back. Her mother said that little Anna had not stopped holding it ever since. The Teddybear certainly saved her life.

Its amazing over the years just how many times a more or less strategically placed furry wotsit of indeterminate gender has been involved in some hair raising situation where the out come has depended on the aforesaid F.W. being there when it is required. Makes you think that there is more than an element of Magic involved than just pure happenstance.

Would you Adam and Eve it?





Balloons, a garden chair,

flight of fancy.

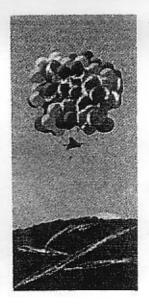
OLDER READERS MAY ALREADY BE SHO-UTING, BORING, BEEN THERE, SEEN IT DO-NE IT, WORN THE OLD HAT AND THE TEE SHIRT AND THEY WOULD BE RIGHT....

It was way back in 82 that the first balloonachair loony hume tried to remove himself from the gene pool

by blundering into controlled air space over Los Angeles and now we have another copyat and its only taken 26 years, wot are these humes likeboy? Kent Couch took of from Bend, Oregon and flew about 235

miles into Idaho. It took about nie hours and the flight finished with the customary BB. gun assisted descent. Why mention of this caper in a parachuting furry wotsits journal? well the hume loony was equipped with a chute, just in case and no, its probably a thing thats never been attempted by any self respecting furry. It could be one up to the humes





OLD BEAR IN THE OLD BILL...

Police in Garfield county, Utah, say that a large Black Bear raided an illegal marijuana farm so often that the naughty person running it did a runner themselves. Sherrif Danny Perkins said that if he could find the bear, he would deputise him. Has it occurred to the Sherrif that the bear was after supplies for his own stash.....

GREEN POLAR BEARS... ENVIROMENTALISTS SAY ITS GLOBAL WARMING..

Three Polar Bear at Higashiyama Zoo in Japan have turned green after swimming in their algae ridden pool, and although everyone says that they look most attractive, Zoo keepers would like any suggestions as to how they can turn them white again. everything they've tried so far has met with failure.

BEAR THUG.. NEEDS AN ASBO...

A Black Bear in Victoria, Canada, swam a river, boarded a boat and set about a man who is now recovering in hospital. No mention as to wether or not the bloke in the boat was fish ing, and thats what attracted the bear, but it seems as if the bear will be served with the usual anti social behavior order, which is about as much use as a chocolate teapot.

OH NO! BEARS ON THE BIRTH PILL ..

We are not sure if this comes under the heading of you could'nt make it up. In Romania thay are planning to tranquilise bears and feed them birth pills due to an explosion in bear numbers and a subsequent rise in attacks on humes. Dare we crack that ancient joke about if they use birth pills on male bears, they'll have to stick them to their paws to make them limp. Yeah, crack it, bound to upset some silly sod.

Parachuting can be DANGEROUS..

Especially when you go base jumping. A British base jumper died after leaping off a 7,000 ft mountain in switzerland. He apparently failed to deploy his canopy in time and was killed on impact. Take care yoo humes, we have pops at you but we dont like to lose you.

AND AS THE SUN SINKS SLOWLY IN THE WEST ITS THE USUAL TO THE WHATNOT AT THE TEDDYTORIAL,,,,

C/O The Boring Old Fart. 48. Laurel Lane, West Drayton, Middx, UB7.7TY. in what will always be ENGLAND no matter what the traitors have planned. By the way Millie and her Band reckon that we are losing our enthusiasm for Yoorup, Gordon Bennett what planet is he on, talk about out of touch. Worse than that supplies of English Honey are so low this year due to tough going in the Bee World, that we could run out before Chrimbo, then yo'll see stroppy Bears

