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★ JOAN BROWN: "CATS AND DOGS," George Adams, 41 West 57th Street, (212) 644-5665 (through May 19). Anyone unfamiliar with Joan Brown (1938-1990) will find this selection of pictures with dogs or cats in them an excellent introduction to an exuberantly original painter. Not to be missed is the large 1969 diptych in which Rufus the dog observes the artist and her husband posed in formal evening wear under an arcade of trees with valentine-shaped clouds tumbling in the sky (Johnson).

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