Presidential pets through the ages: the presidents, the pets and resources on animal care and the importance of animals in our lives

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Presidents with no pets

United States presidents have often kept pets while in office, or pets have been part of their families. Donald Trump and James K. Polk are the only presidents not to have a presidential pet while in office.

To get you started with presidential pets a video on You Tube:

https://youtu.be/Fs6E2vo5JGA
They’ve met the pope and R2-D2 of Star Wars fame, presided over the Easter Egg Roll and cheered up wounded veterans.

Presidential pets have always played an important, if unofficial, role in the White House. They can welcome visitors, connect with the public and provide companionship to the president and first family.

The White House also has been home to decidedly nontraditional pets. Theodore Roosevelt, an explorer and naturalist before he became president, kept more than 50 animals, including a badger, a flying squirrel, a lion and several bears.
It is traditional for American presidents to have family pets that often appear in official family photographs.

Horses, cows, goats, chickens, dogs, cats, songbirds, parrots, and other small animals were a part of daily life during the White House's earliest years. Since 1870, White House domestic pets have mirrored the species generally seen in American households, according to the White House Historical Association.
President Benjamin Harrison (1889-93) gave his grandchildren a pet goat named His Whiskers. One day, while pulling the president's grandchildren around in a cart, His Whiskers took off through the White House gates. President Harrison chased him in hot pursuit.

Archie Roosevelt, son of President Theodore Roosevelt (1901-09), poses with Algonquin the calico pony June 17, 1902. Algonquin once rode in the White House elevator to visit Archie when he was ill.

Using sheep to cut the grass at the White House

To cut groundskeeping costs during World War I, President Woodrow Wilson (1913-21) brought a flock of sheep to trim the White House grounds. Included in the flock was Old Ike, a tobacco-chewing ram.
Presidential Pet Information from the National Park Service

https://www.nps.gov/nama/blogs/presidential-pets.htm

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Presidential Pets

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Hippos, tigers and bears, oh my! Most of us enjoy the company of a pet in our own homes. A purring cat or playful dog can easily make its way into our hearts and become a member of the family. Well, it makes sense that a president would feel no different. In fact, after a long day in the oval office, coming home to a lovable companion is probably just what a president needs. This explains why almost all presidents over the years have filled the White House with friends from the animal kingdom. And while many presidents have had the standard dog, which ranks as the most popular species to frequent the White House, there are some surprising creatures that have held the title of Presidential Pet.
• President George Washington, 1789-1797
• Samson, Steady, Leonidas, Traveller, Magnolia and other stallions Nelson and Blueskin, horses used during the American Revolution
• A horse given to Washington by Gen. Braddock
• Drunkard, Mopsey, Taster, Cloe, Tipsy, Tipler, Forester, Captain, Lady Rover, Vulcan, Sweet Lips, and Searcher, all hounds
• Five French hounds Rozinante, Nellie Custis’s horse
• A parrot belonging to Mrs. Martha Washington
President John Quincy Adams, 1825-1829

Alligator given to him by the Marquis de Lafayette. The gator actually lived in a White House bathroom, leaving some guests terrified.

Silkworms belonging to Mrs. Louisa Adams
• President Martin Van Buren, 1837-1841

• A pair of tiger cubs given to him by the Sultan of Oman that Congress made him send to the zoo
President Rutherford B. Hayes, 1877-1881

**Hector**, Newfoundland dog
**Duke**, possibly an English mastiff
**Grim**, greyhound
**Otis**, miniature schnauzer
**Dot**, cocker spaniel
**Juno and Shep**, two hunting dogs
**Jet**, dog
Siam, first **Siamese** kitten to reach America
Miss Pussy, another **Siamese cat**
Piccolomini, cat
**A goat**
**Mockingbird**
**Four canaries**
Pedigreed **Jersey cows**
Several **carriage horses**
President Theodore Roosevelt, 1901-1909

Bleistein, Teddy Roosevelt’s favorite horse
Renown, Roswell, Rusty, Jocko Root, Grey Dawn, Wyoming and Yagenka, all horses
General and Judge, carriage horses
Algonquin, Archie Roosevelt’s Shetland pony
Pete, a bull terrier, was a favorite pet
Rollo, Saint Bernard
Sailor Boy, Chesapeake Bay retriever
Blackjack (Jack), Kermit Roosevelt’s Manchester terrier
Skip, mixed-breed dog
Manchu, Alice Roosevelt’s Pekingese
Emily Spinach, Alice Roosevelt’s snake
Snakes belonging to Quentin Roosevelt
Eli Yale, a Hyacinth macaw also belonging to Quentin Roosevelt
Tom Quartz, cat
Slippers, cat
Josiah, badger (!)
Rabbit named Peter
Two Kangaroo Rats
Flying squirrel

Guinea pigs named Admiral Dewey, Dr. Johnson, Bob Evans, Bishop Doan, and Father O’Grady

Also: lion, hyena, wildcat, coyote, five bears, two parrots, zebra, barn owl, lizard, roosters, hen, pig, raccoon
President William Taft, 1909-1913

Pauline Wayne, last cow at the White House
Mooly Wooly, another cow
Caruso, dog
President Calvin Coolidge, 1923-1929
Calvin and Grace Coolidge quite literally had a zoo at the White House:

- **Prudence Prim**, female white collie
- **Rob Roy**, male white collie
- **Peter Pan**, terrier
- **Paul Pry**, an Airedale terrier
- **Calamity Jane**, Shetland sheepdog
- **Tiny Tim**, chow
- **Blackberry**, also a chow
- **Ruby Rouch**, brown collie
- **Bessie**, collie
- **Boston Beans**, bulldog
- **King Cole**, Belgian shepherd
- **Palo Alto**, bird dog
- **Nip and Tuck**, canaries
- **Snowflake**, also a white canary
- **Old Bill**, a thrush
- **Enoch**, goose
- **Mockingbird**, belonging to Grace Coolidge
- **Tiger**, cat
- **Blacky**, another cat
- **Rebecca** and **Reuben**, raccoons
- **Ebenezer**, donkey
- **Smoky**, bobcat

Finally, given to them by dignitaries from other countries, there were also lion cubs (humorously named Tax Reduction and Budget Bureau), a wallaby, a pygmy hippo named **Billy**, and a black bear!
President Ronald Reagan, 1981-1989

Lucky, Bouvier des Flandres
Rex, Cavalier King Charles spaniel
Victory, golden retriever
Peggy, Irish setter
Taca, Siberian husky
Fuzzy, Belgian sheepdog
Horses at ranch
President George W. Bush, 2001-2009
  Miss Beazley, Scottish terrier
Spot, English springer spaniel, offspring of Millie
Barney, Scottish terrier
India “Willie,” cat
Ofelia, longhorn cow at ranch

President Barack Obama, 2009-2017
  Bo, Portuguese water dog
Sunny, also a Portuguese water dog
Joe Biden’s Dogs Shepherd In New Era of Presidential Pets at the White House

How the new administration can prepare for Major and Champ’s arrival in Washington, D.C.
Major and Champ, the Bidens’ two German shepherds, already have legions of fans, like many presidential pets before them. For decades, Americans have treated the dogs and cats belonging to the first family as celebrities. The excitement surrounding Champ and Major is especially intense because there has not been a pet in the White House since the Obama family departed four years ago; President Trump is the first president in over 100 years not to have a pet while in office. On top of that, Major is the first-ever White House pet to be adopted from a shelter, according to Andrew Hager, historian in residence at Maryland’s Presidential Pet Museum.

More Information on Presidential Pets

Presidential Pets | Ronald Reagan
www.reaganlibrary.gov/reagans/reagan-administration/presidential-pets
Rex lived at the White House until Ronald Reagan left the Presidency, then moved with President and Mrs. Reagan to their new home in Los Angeles. Like ...

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The Animal Welfare Act was signed into law in 1966. It is the only Federal law in the United States that regulates the treatment of animals in research, exhibition, transport, and by dealers.


The Animal Welfare Act and USDA-APHIS

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https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalwelfare
State and Local Information on pet adoption

- **Animal Care and Adoption** - Broward County
- [www.broward.org/Animal/pages/default.aspx](http://www.broward.org/Animal/pages/default.aspx)
- ADOPTIONS: View our adoptable pets online. If you see a pet you would like to adopt, please complete a Dog or Cat Adoption Application and submit it ...
- **Adopt a Pet | Animal Care and Control**
- [animalcare.lacounty.gov/adopt-a-pet/](http://animalcare.lacounty.gov/adopt-a-pet/)
- If an animal has been in our care ten days or less, the adoption fee is $50. If the animal has been in our care more than ten days, the adoption fee ...
Mascotas (Pets) and Information in Spanish

• **Preparación** | USAGov
• www.usa.gov/espanol/preparacion
• Plan de emergencia para **mascotas**: aprenda cómo preparar a su mascota, armar un kit con elementos básicos de supervivencia y más. Plan de emergencia ...

• **Servicio de Inspección Sanitaria de Animales y Plantas** ...
• www.usa.gov/espanol/agencias-federales/servicio-de-inspeccion-sanitaria-de-animales-y-plantas
• El **Servicio de Inspección Sanitaria de Animales y Plantas** (en inglés) tiene como misión proteger y promover el bienestar agrícola de la nación ..
Let’s Go Live with the Animals


https://www.whitehouse.gov/

https://www.usa.gov/

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Rex, Windy, Olympia and Tasi (the pets from my house) say Thank you for listening to their human