

## The Queen and her dogs, a great love story



Passionate about animals, Elizabeth II loves a particular breed of dog: the corgi. The Queen was very fond of her father's dog, Dookie, a Pembroke corgi. His first dog, Susan, was given to him as a gift for his 18th birthday by his parents.

During her reign, the Queen owned over 30 corgis, many of which descended directly from Susan, so far there have been over 10 generations. Susan was so loved that she accompanied Princess Elizabeth on her honeymoon.

Throughout her life and reign, corgis have been Queen Elizabeth's faithful companions. Over time, they became the symbol of the monarch.

Corgis are likely to bite people's legs because their ancestors rounded up sheep by stomping their feet.



His corgis had a life of pampered pets: at Buckingham Palace, they slept in wicker baskets in their very own "Corgi room".



She also loved walking the dogs, who knew when it was time to exercise.

If the Queen walked in with a tiara, the dogs lay on the carpet if she wore a headscarf, they knew it was time for walks. The Duke of York said his mother's love for his corgis helps him stay in shape.

Singer Max Bygraves once revealed how, while dining with the Queen, a flatulent corgi left him with a red face. "I hope you don't think it was me," he told the Queen.