

Puppy Love

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Happy Birthday!

As a young child Princess Elizabeth met her first corgi while visiting with a friend. The little girl fell in love with the breed and was gifted a corgi puppy by her father, King George VI, for her eighteenth birthday. Susan settled in, and promptly became a member of the family. The Queen's love affair never ended, as she has shared her life and love with over thirty corgis. Susan started what is tenderly called the *Great Royal Family Corgi Breed-Off*. The Queen actively bred her corgis and gifted many of the puppies to others throughout her reign. Susan is the common ancestor for every single one of the Queen's corgis. And then there are *dorgis*...



Beautiful Sammy is an adorable furry little beach bum in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. His amazing family adores him every day.

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You heard right, the word is *dorgi*. The royals are infatuated with canines of all sorts, each having their own favorite breed. Queen Elizabeth had a passion for corgis, her sister, Margaret, loved dachshunds. While the sisters were enjoying a visit Margaret's dog, Pipkin, decided it was the right time to fall in love with a royal corgi. The union resulted in adorable *dorgi* puppies. *Dorgies* always have a tail and are typically smaller than a corgi. Candy, the Queen's *dorgi*, lived to be 18 years old.

The Year of 2021...

The purebred dog registration organization in England is called THE Kennel Club. During the year 2021 they registered 1346 corgis, and for that same year they registered 20,379 dachshunds. In 2009, the Welsh Corgi, with fewer than 300 annual puppy registrations, were added to THE Kennel Club's 'Vulnerable Native Breeds' list.

Doxies Rule

In the USA, the American Kennel Club registrations statistics show dachshunds have always been, and continue to remain, one of the top ten breeds in their 200 official recognized breeds.



Queen Elizabeth considered her dogs members of the royal family and they were part of her everyday life. Wherever she was they were there. They have dined with royalty, famous celebrities, and world leaders. The official canine royalty was present for official functions and ceremonies. They attended milestones in the queen's life: coronation, jubilees and her wedding, and of course her funeral. Her beloved Susan went with Queen Elizabeth on her honeymoon.



British Queen Victoria and Prince Albert adopted their first dachshund in 1845. In complete adoration of the breed, the Queen also famously said, "Nothing will turn a man's home into a castle more quickly and effectively than a dachshund."