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15 POPULAR PRESIDENTS & THEIR PUPS



From Washington's Foxhounds to Obama's famous Portuguese Water Dogs, presidential pups are as traditional as baseball and apple pie. Almost all of our presidents have shared the White House with a dog. These presidential pooches became as much a staple of the capitol as the rest of the First Family and "spoke" more than words ever could about the nature of our leaders.

In January 2021, Joe Biden's two German Shepherd Dogs Champ and Major restored the tradition of presidential pups to the White House. To celebrate the return of First Pets, we take a look back at some of the most famous four-legged friends in American history.

George Washington, the father of our nation, is also the father of American Foxhounds. In 1770, Washington imported a number of hounds from England, and in 1785, the Marquis de Lafayette gave him some French hounds. Washington maintained and carefully bred these hounds, and they became the ancestors of today's American Foxhound. More than 30 hounds were listed in Washington's journals, including Sweet Lips, Drunkard, Tipler, and Topsy. Washington didn't invent American Foxhounds single-handedly, but he was a key player in the breed's development.

Thomas Jefferson became interested in Briards while serving as minister to France. He purchased a pregnant female, named Buzzy, and started his breeding program. Lafayette also sent Jefferson two more Briards to help protect the sheep at Monticello. There is no record of them living at the White House.

Theodore Roosevelt owned a Saint Bernard named Rollo, a Pekingese named Manchu (belonging to the president's

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MEETING MINUTES

SCKC Meeting

November 19, 2020

At the Seward Civic Center

Meeting called to order at 7:35pm by President Tabitha Dvorak.

Members present: Diane Nitz, Tabitha Dvorak, Cindy Hill, Linda Soukup, Mary Bristol, Morgan Ehlers, Tanya Williams and guest, Sabryn Phillips.

September minutes read motion to approve minutes made by Tanya and 2nd by Cindy Hill. Motion passed. October minutes read motion to approve minutes made by Cindy Hill and 2nd by Diane Nitz. Motion passed.

Report of the President- Tabitha is waiting to hear from AKC for the fast cat approval. There is no additional cost for use of the open air building for the barn hunt. Barn hunt will take place Friday, Saturday and Sunday, cost

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for the club is 1 RV spot. Tabitha will check with Mike to make sure it is ok for them to set up Thursday. Club is responsible for feeding the barn hunt folks Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Judge from Colorado cheaper to flight into Lincoln then to drive.

No Report of the Secretary

Treasures Report and the 3rd quarter report was read. Motion to approve balance and quarter report made by Tanya Williams and 2nd Cindy Hill. Motion passed.

Trophies and awards- Tanya reported that Petsource donated \$100 for the best in show prize. She is planning on purchasing more trophies in January.

Fun Match- Tabitha Dvorak reported ribbons and judge needed. Asking for donations for prizes.

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Memberships- 2nd reading for Sabryn Phillips. Vote was unanimous. Welcome Sabryn!

Goldenrod- Due to COVID and not having a dog show this year the requirement to have helped with the show is waved. Qualifiers must have attended 8 meetings this past year. Members that qualify are as follows: Mary Bristol, Chris Corum, Tabitha Dvorak. Voting will take place at the December meeting and announced at the January awards meeting.

Obedience- Mary reported Chris Corum had donate prize gift bags for Halloween costumes. Spring Classes are to start March 15 and go through April 26.

Show committee- Tabitha Dvorak reported she finishing up the paper work for the show. Everything needs to be in to Foy Trent by Dec 23rd so it is in premium list. Motion made by Tanya Williams for Tabitha to get more chalk that

used to mark grooming spots for the May show. Diane Nitz 2nd. Motion passed.

Website- Cindy is keeping it updated and asks if you have pictures or articles that you like to see on the website just sent it to her.

Old business- Christmas party will be held at the Civic Center starting at 6:30. Bring a \$10 Grab bag gift if you would like to participate in grab bag. Will not be having a potluck due to COVID, but welcome to bring your own food.

New Business- Kathy Jackson needs new titles so she can get plaques made.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Diane Nitz 2nd by Tanya Williams. Motion Passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.



Bruce Donald Kroese **April 10, 1970 - January 12, 2021**

Bruce was born in Lincoln, Nebraska on April 10, 1970, to Don and Sheryl Kroese and was the oldest of nine children. Bruce studied at the University of Nebraska – Lincoln, receiving a bachelor's degree in Advertising/Journalism and an MBA with an emphasis in Agribusiness. Bruce joined Union Pacific Railroad in 2000, holding several positions throughout his tenure. Bruce and Shawntell were married in 2008 and raised four kids together, Ellie, Reese, Hadley, and Landon.

Bruce was so many things to so many people. He was a loving and devoted husband, father, son, brother, and uncle; a thoughtful and trusted friend; a wise mentor. He was honest, genuine, introspective, funny, and incredibly generous, and wise. Bruce loved spending time with his family and attending his kids' activities. Bruce approached everything in life with an innate curiosity. He was always thinking deeply to find the meaning, the history, and the facts no matter what the topic and challenged those around him to do the same. Bruce was the first one to volunteer to pick up the tab at a restaurant or give to others in need. He offered wisdom and a unique perspective to anyone asking his advice. Bruce had a great sense of humor and loved to laugh; his unique 'giggle' was endearing.

Bruce was a man of strong faith; he loved God and he tried to live in a way that was pleasing to the Lord. Bruce will be missed tremendously by all those who knew and loved him.

Preceded in death by grandparents, Harlan and Goldie Doeschot; Marius and Gladys Kroese; sister, Katherine Kroese. Survived by wife, Shawntell; daughters: Ellie Pichler, Reese Pichler, Hadley Kroese; son, Landon Kroese; parents, Don and Sheryl Kroese; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Tim and Pam Hurtgen; brothers, Kase (Alison) Kroese, Zach Kroese; sisters: Angie Kroese, Rebecca (Ryan) Revis, Deborah (Dusty) Fahrnbruch, Hannah (Jon) Jessen, Abigail (Joseph) Harris, Gretchen (Will) Haer; many nieces, nephews and other relatives.

VISITATION: Sunday, Jan. 17th, 2-4pm; FUNERAL: Monday, Jan. 18th, at 11am, all at Christ Community Church, 404 S. 108 St., in Omaha, NE. Interment: Evergreen Memorial Park.

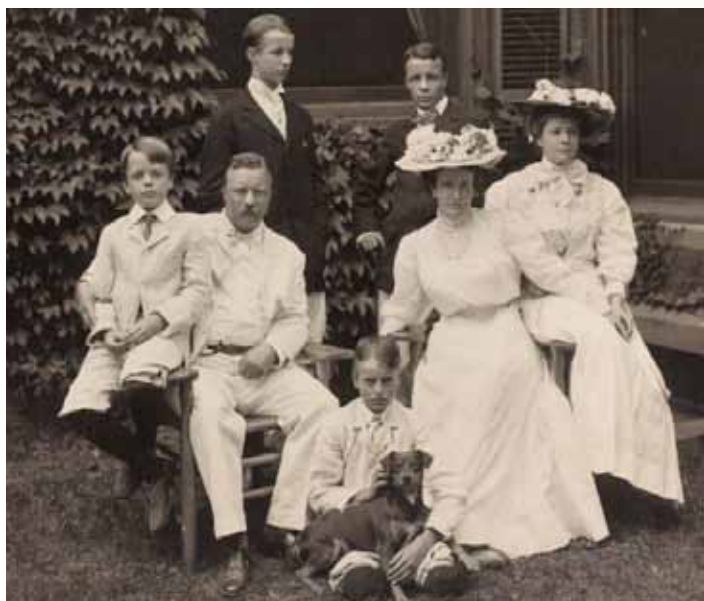
Bruce loved watching his children's activities. In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting any memorials be made to the family to support his children's activities (<https://gofund.me/166ee374>).

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daughter Alice), a Chesapeake Bay Retriever named Sailor Boy, his son Kermit's Manchester Terrier called Blackjack, and a Bull Terrier named Pete, who ripped the pants of a French ambassador.

Herbert Hoover owned a Wire Fox Terrier named Big Boy, a Norwegian Elkhound called Weeje, an Irish Wolfhound named Patrick, and a Belgian Malinois named King Tut.

Franklin D. Roosevelt's Scottish Terrier "Fala" reportedly received more fan mail than many presidents did. FDR also had a Bullmastiff named "Blaze," two Irish Setters named "Jack" and "Jill," a Bulldog named "Pal," an English Setter named "Winks," another Scottish Terrier named "Meggie," a German Shepherd Dog named "Major," and a Great Dane named "President," which made things confusing in the White House.



Dwight D. Eisenhower owned two Scottish Terriers named Caacie and Telek, and a Weimaraner named Heidi.



John F. Kennedy owned a Welsh Terrier named Charlie, an Irish Wolfhound aptly named Wolf, a German Shepherd Dog named Clipper, and an English Cocker Spaniel named Shannon. Jackie had a Standard Poodle named Gaullie. The family also owned Pushinka, a mixed-breed dog which was a gift from Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev.

Richard Nixon owned a Cocker Spaniel named Checkers, a Yorkshire Terrier named Pasha, a Poodle named Vicky, and, an Irish Setter named King Timahoe.

Gerald Ford owned a Golden Retriever named Liberty and her puppy, Misty.



Ronald Reagan owned a Bouvier des Flandres called Lucky, and a Cavalier King Charles Spaniel named Rex. He also had four other dogs that lived on his ranch. — a Golden Retriever, Irish Setter, Belgian Sheepdog, and Siberian Husky.

George Bush owned an English Springer Spaniel named Millie, who is the author of a dogobiography called "Millie's Book," and Ranger, one of Millie's pups.

Bill Clinton owned a chocolate Labrador Retriever named Buddy.

George W. Bush owned an English Springer Spaniel named Spot (daughter to Millie), and two Scottish Terriers named Miss Beazley and Barney. (Barney died in 2013.)

Barack Obama welcomed two Portuguese Water Dogs into his family after his inauguration. They are named Bo and



Sunny.

Joe Biden and his wife, Jill Biden, restored the tradition of presidential pets to the White House on Jan. 20, 2021 with their two German Shepherd Dogs: Champ, 12, and Major, 2. Joe Biden promised Jill he would get a dog after the 2008 election if Barack Obama won. Jill Biden then attached pictures of different dogs to the seats of Biden's campaign plane for him to see. He bought the puppy from a breeder in Pennsylvania, and it was named Champ (born October 2008) by his granddaughters. Major (born January 2018) is the first rescue dog to reside in the White House.

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