



# Seward County Kennel Club

A CLUB FOR PERSONS INTERESTED IN DOGS AND THE SPORT OF DOGS.

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## WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THE QUEEN'S BELOVED DOGS?



Queen Elizabeth II was an animal lover since she received her first Pembroke Welsh Corgi, Susan, as a gift for her 18th birthday in 1944. The Queen had more than 30 Pems in her lifetime, but she stopped breeding in 2015 to not leave any young dogs behind after her death.

“This devoted breeder and owner has been the patron of The Kennel Club for the past 70 years,” says Dennis Sprung, CEO of the American Kennel Club. “Undoubtedly, her passion for the breed resulted in the popularity of responsible owners on both sides of the pond.”

The monarch, 96, died on September 8, 2022, and senior members of the Royal Family rushed to be by her side. She is survived by her four children, eight grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren as well as her two Pembroke Welsh Corgis named Muick and Sandy, a mixed-breed named Candy, and a Cocker Spaniel named Lissy. Now, the lingering question is who will care for the dogs in her absence.

In regards of the two Pembrokes, Prince Andrew, The Duke of York, and his former wife, Sarah, Duchess of York, will inherit for the dogs, a spokesperson for the duke told the New York Times on Sunday. The duke and the duchess were the ones who gave them to the queen as gifts. Muick and Sandy will live the rest of their days at the Royal Lodge in Windsor, where Prince Andrew still lives with his ex-wife.

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## NEXT MEETING October 20, 2022

Seward Civic Center 616 Bradford St, Seward, NE 68434

No Special Program - General Meeting 7:30pm

# MEETING MINUTES

Seward County Kennel Club  
September 15, 2022  
Seward Civic Center

Members present: Chris Corum, Diane Nitz, Tabitha Dvorak, Mary Bristol, Morgan Ehlers, Kayla Thomas, Cindy Hill, and Kathy Jackson.

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

August minutes read by Cindy Hill. Diane motioned to approve August minutes as read Kayla 2nd motion. Motion passed.

Membership: Karen Lacey's membership form has been misplaced Morgan will call her to have her fill out another membership application. \* After meeting Mary found application and with membership dues.

Secretary- No report

Treasure- Report read and Diane made motion to approve Treasure's report. Cindy 2nd motion. Motion passed.

Discussion to get another CD through Edward Jones. Motion made by Diane to purchase one \$5,000 CD for 3 years with Edward Jones. Kayla 2nd motion. Discussion. Motion passed.

Chief Ring Steward- Tanya not present at the meeting. Cindy reports that she is helping Tanya raise money for trophies for the show. If anyone wants to sponsor a trophy or donate monetary gift. Contact Tanya or Cindy.

Performance- Fall class started Sept 12th. Had a lot pre- registered and many more that signed up the first night. 12 in puppy and 14 in basic. Costume night will be Oct 17. Sept 19 will be the CGC demo at 7 so puppy owners can watch it as well.

Show- Premium list due in December for the May Show. Contact Tabitha for corrections or updates anything that needs to be in the premium list from 2022.

May 5th (Friday) Show and go at 3-5pm followed by CGC testing 5-6pm. Show and go will be sign up as they come. No pre-registering. May 6th (Saturday) Show and go will begin 30mins after Best in Show.

Concession Stand- Tabitha has not found anyone to do it yet  
Kathy suggested asking the SCC culinary students.

Diane made motion for Harvest Hall for grooming only and have 4 rings in the Ag pavilion. Cindy 2nd motion. Discussion. Passed.

Unfinished business

Correspondence -Thank you card from Katelin for sponsoring the champion showman at the Seward County Fair.

Goldenrod- Discussion on retiring the trophy and doing something else.

Scholarship- tabled

New Business

Brag jar- Motion made by Diane to use the brag jar money to buy title winners a free meal at the January Awards night. Passed.

Cindy made motion that whomever wins the Goldenrod trophy gets the next year membership paid. 2nd Kayla. Passed.

It was brought up if there are not enough members present to hold a quorum that the meeting will be a board meeting. That way votes and decisions can be made.

Motion made by Cindy to adjourn meeting. Kayla 2nd. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:49pm

# THE QUEEN'S ROYAL PEMBROKE WELSH CORGIS



It all started with Susan. The Pembroke Welsh Corgi was a gift to the then-Princess Elizabeth, eldest daughter of King George VI, for her 18th birthday. Registered as “Hickathrift Pippa,” the dog at first went by Sue, which evolved into Susan. Susan and Elizabeth became so attached to one another that Susan accompanied the princess on her honeymoon with Prince Philip, hidden under blankets in the royal carriage.

The now-Queen Elizabeth II, perhaps the most famous Pembroke Welsh Corgi owner in history, has owned more than 30 of the dogs in her lifetime. On that birthday in 1944, a love affair was born, for both the future Queen and the world.

## The Royal Pembroke Welsh Corgi History

Susan, however, was not Elizabeth’s first exposure to the breed. In fact, Pembroke Welsh Corgis had been a part of the royal

family before. In 1933, breeder Thelma Gray brought a litter of puppies to show the then-Duke of York, the future George VI, and his family. The family chose a dog and named him Dookie. A few years later, Gray gave the royal family another Pembroke Welsh Corgi called Jane. And thus, there were two.

At the start of World War II, Dookie passed away, but Jane gave birth to a puppy called Crackers, and there were two royal Pembrokes again. When Jane was accidentally run over and killed in 1944, Princess Elizabeth was heartbroken, but wrote to the driver to tell him that she was sure it wasn’t his fault, according to Michael Joseph Gross in *Vanity Fair*. Susan then became the first Pembroke Welsh Corgi to belong solely to Elizabeth and also became the foundation of a royal breeding program.

## The Queen’s Breeding Program

As Gross writes, the Queen has personally overseen a program of Pembroke Welsh Corgi breeding at Windsor Castle; purebred

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“I saw them the other day,” Prince Williams said to a mourner on a walkabout at London’s Lambeth Bridge in a video captured and shared via Sky News. “They’re going to be looked after fine. They’re two very friendly corgis and they’ve got a good home.”

The two Pems were also spotted during the Queen’s funeral procession on September 19, 2022, in the quadrangle at Windsor Castle. They were handled by two members of staff as the funeral cortege arrived.

However, there has been no announcement on who will care for the queen’s mixed-breed and Cocker Spaniel yet.

Elizabeth II was very involved in the feeding and care of her dogs and took them for regular walks with the help of caretakers. The dogs were even known to be fed from silver and porcelain bowls! The dogs have also be cared for by the Queen’s staff, who will likely continue to do so for the rest

of their lives.

“Care of the dogs has fallen sometimes to footmen but mostly to the Queen’s trusted dressmaker, assistant, and right-hand woman, Angela Kelly; and to her equally trusted page of many years standing, Paul Whybrew, who was seen walking with the Queen and the dogs in the James Bond spoof,” wrote author Penny Junor in her 2018 book, *All The Queen’s Corgis*.

Regardless of who will care for her remaining dogs, it is in high hope that her legacy as an animal lover and one of the dedicated Pembroke Welsh Corgi breeders and ambassadors is carried on.

“I am confident that Her Majesty has arranged for the care and well-being of her beloved Pembrokes with family,” Sprung says.

*Courtney Campbell. September 19, 2022. akc.org*

puppies bred by Her Majesty incorporate the affix, or kennel name, of Windsor into their monikers. It wasn't until recently that much of this information was known, as "according to a set of unwritten but strictly observed conventions, the breeders who took part in the Queen's program never discussed their experience in public, and rarely even with one another."

But now, we know that Susan is the common ancestor of all Queen Elizabeth's Pembrokes, an incredible genetic legacy. Two of her final pups, Holly and Willow, appear to have been the 14th generation of Susan's descendants. Over the years, the Queen called on prominent breeders, such as Gray, Maureen Johnston, Ally Boughton, and others, to help her continue her lines.

How did she care for all those dogs? The answer: Bill and Nancy Fenwick. Bill Fenwick became Windsor's head gamekeeper, and in doing so, he and his wife also became the caretakers of the Pembrokes. Nancy trained the dogs to walk up stairs, fed and looked after them, and assisted with finding matches to mate with Queen Elizabeth's canines. When Nancy Fenwick died, Prince Andrew, Duke of York, attended the memorial service, accompanied by the Queen. By royal protocol, the monarch does not attend staff funerals, but it seems here an exception was made.

### **The End of an Era**

When Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother died in 2002, people in the community began to realize that the breeding program had stopped. In 2012, Monty Roberts, the Queen's equine advisor, asked her about the breeding of her Pembroke Welsh Corgis. Queen Elizabeth reportedly said that she "didn't want to have any more young dogs. She didn't want to leave any young dog behind."

The Queen has also owned numerous mixed-breed dogs.



While officially, the palace has kept quiet on matters involving the dogs, The Washington Post reported that the Queen was hit particularly hard by Willow's death in 2018. After all, she was the last real tie to the dog that started it all, Susan.

### **The Royal Pembrokes Today**

However, the Queen has revived her love of the animal. According to an excerpt from *The Other Side of the Coin, The Queen, the Dresser and the Wardrobe*, written by Her Majesty's dresser Angela Kelly, Queen Elizabeth was given two puppies in February 2021: a mixed-breed dog named Fergus and

a Pembroke Welsh Corgi named Muick. Three months later, Fergus died, but Prince Andrew and his family gifted her a new Pembroke Welsh Corgi puppy, Sandy. She also still has an older mixed-breed dog named Candy.

During her years on the throne, the Queen has used her love for her dogs to make the monarchy friendly and put people at ease. The late Diana, Princess of Wales, once quipped that the dog resemble "a moving carpet," noted biographer Sally Bedell Smith in *Diana in Search of Herself: Portrait of a Troubled Princess*. The Pembrokes have often helped to break the ice with strangers, even at one point providing therapy for a war surgeon suffering a post-traumatic stress disorder attack. Now, in pop culture, the Pembrokes have been featured in productions like *The King's Speech* and *The Crown*, and the UK Kennel Club cites these instances as producing new interest in the breed.

Elizabeth II died at 96 years old on September 8, 2022, making her the longest-lived British monarch thus far, and in addition, she was also one of the most prolific and dedicated Pembroke Welsh Corgi breeders and ambassadors that the world has ever seen.

*Randa Kriss. September 8, 2022. akc.org*

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