

The Queen's Pets

The Queen's Corgis

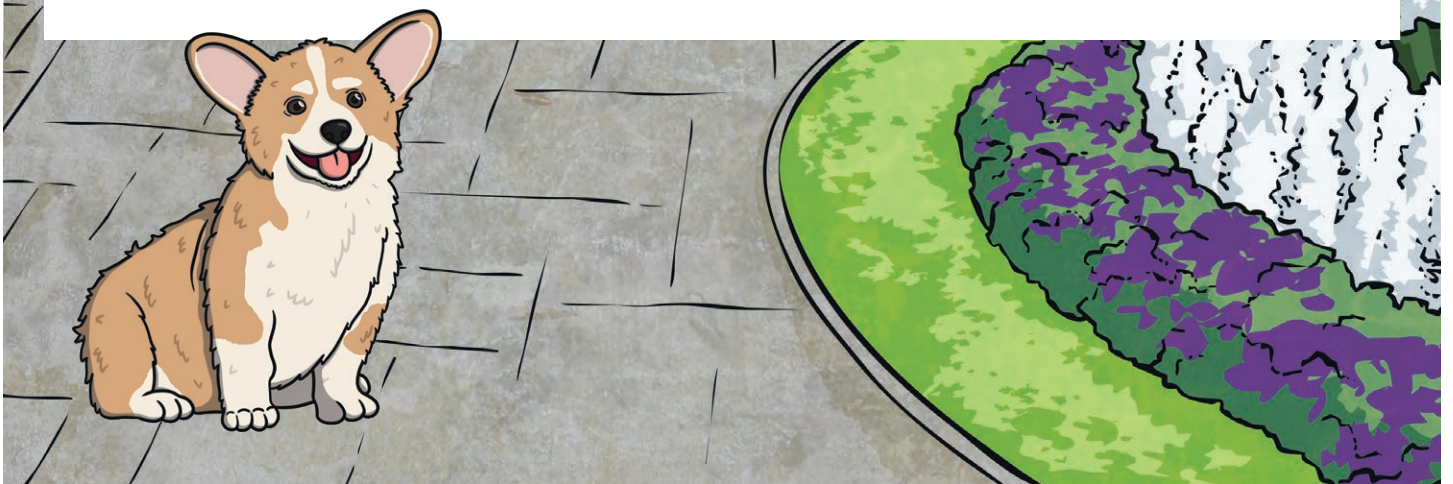
Queen Elizabeth II is fond of lots of different animals. Since she was a little girl, the Queen has kept corgis as pets. These small dogs have a long body and short legs. They were originally kept as working dogs in Wales, but they became famous as the Queen's pets.



Even though corgis look cute, they need very specific care. Corgis can have problems with their joints, so regular vet visits are important. They're also very smart and have a lot of energy, so they like long walks and toys to keep them busy.



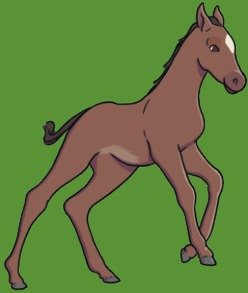
The Queen's dogs aren't always well-behaved. They have bitten staff and even the Queen herself, so the royal family brought in a professional trainer for them.



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The Queen's Horses

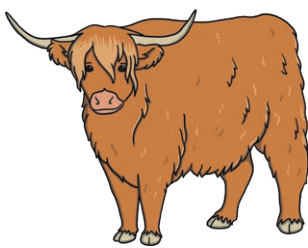
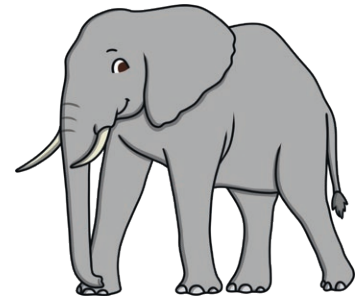
Queen is also well known for her love of horses. She used to breed thoroughbreds, a breed of horses that can run fast. Thoroughbreds are often used for racing.



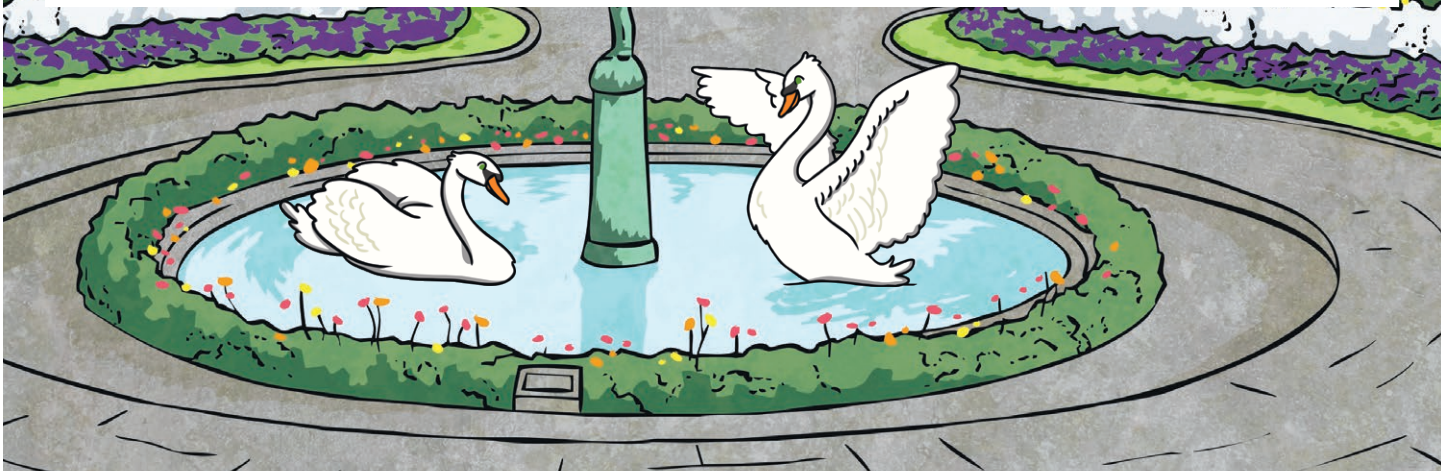
Recently, Queen Elizabeth II has turned her attention to Highland ponies. These ponies are a very old Scottish breed, but there aren't many Highland ponies left. The Queen is supporting the ponies with a breeding programme in Balmoral.

The Queen's Other Pets

Many other animals belong to the Queen. All swans in open waters in England belong to her, and she has a herd of Highland cows in Scotland.



Animals are also a popular gift for Queen Elizabeth II. She has been given an elephant, a sloth, and other exotic animals. They now live in a zoo in London, where the animals are well cared for.



The Queen's Pets - Activity Sheet

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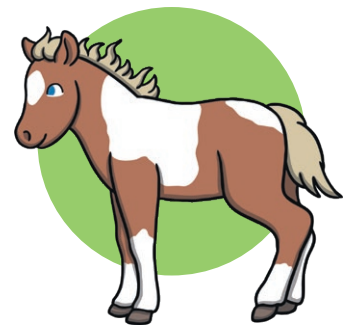
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4. Why does the Queen breed Highland ponies?

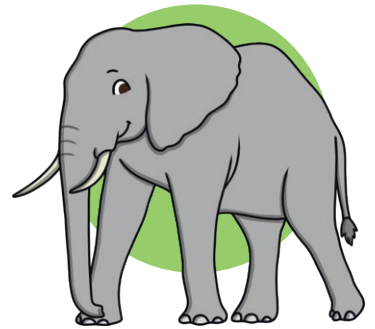


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5. What other pets does the Queen have?



6. Where do the Queen's exotic animals live?



7. Draw the Queen's pets!

The Queen's Pets - Answer Sheet

1. What dogs does the Queen have?

Corgis

2. Are the Queen's dogs always well-behaved?

No, they have bitten staff and the Queen.

3. What are thoroughbreds used for?

They are used for racing.

4. Why does the Queen breed Highland ponies?

There aren't many Highland ponies left.

5. What other pets does the Queen have?

Swans, Highland cows, a sloth, an elephant, exotic animals.

6. Where do the Queen's exotic animals live?

In a zoo