

Biden brings back presidential pets

President-elect Joe Biden is expected to restore the tradition of having pets at the White House. Donald Trump was the first U.S. president in more than 100 years not to have a pet

CHAMP & MAJOR

Two German Shepherds – *Champ* (left), gift from wife *Jill* when *Joe Biden* was elected vice-president in 2008, and *Major*, who was adopted from a shelter, will get to roam executive residence

BO & SUNNY

Barack Obama promised daughters *Malia* and *Sasha* a puppy after election in 2009. Portuguese Water Dog *Bo* (left) was gift from Senator *Ted Kennedy*. Second dog, *Sunny*, arrived in 2013

MISS BEAZLEY & BARNEY

George W. Bush had two Scottish Terriers, *Barney* and *Miss Beazley*. “Barneycam” videos won many fans at Christmas time

BUDDY & SOCKS

Rivalry between *Bill Clinton*’s chocolate labrador *Buddy* and cat *Socks* was immortalised in 1998 children’s book by First Lady *Hillary Clinton*

YUKI

Lyndon B. Johnson’s adored mixed-breed dog *Yuki*, found by Johnson’s daughter *Luci* at Texas gas station, was well known for her singing

FALA

Franklin D. Roosevelt’s beloved Scottish Terrier *Fala* was constantly at his side, even accompanying him on overseas visits

PUSHINKA

Gift from Soviet Premier *Nikita Khrushchev* to *John F. Kennedy* and family. *Pushinka*, meaning “fluffy”, was daughter of *Strelka*, first Russian dog in space

OTHER PETS

Other “first pets” include birds, hamsters, ponies, even snakes. In World War I, *Woodrow Wilson* aided war effort by stationing sheep on White House lawn

