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Fact Sheet: Welsh Corgi (Pembroke)

Dog type: pastoral

History:

- Corgis have been around a long time. They originated in Wales where they are used to herd sheep and wild ponies in the Welsh hills.
- Since then Corgis have been used for herding cattle and sheep on Welsh farms.

Features:

- According to a Welsh legend, two children found a pair of puppies on Royal land. They were told that the dogs were a gift from the fairies who used them as horses when they went into battle. You can still see the marks of the fairy saddle on the Corgis' shoulders.
- The name Corgi has three possible origins: the first says that it combines the Welsh word 'cor' which means 'to watch over or gather' with 'gi', a Welsh word for dog. The second says it combines 'cur' a Norman word for dog with 'gi'. The third says it combines 'cor' meaning 'dwarf' with 'gi'. If this last one is true then the Corgi would be the dwarf (small) dog or maybe the fairy's dog found in the Welsh legend!
- The Corgi is the favourite dog of Queen Elizabeth II of England who keeps several as pets at Buckingham Palace.

Corgis as pets:

- Brave and kind.
- Intelligent.
- Protective.
- Love attention.