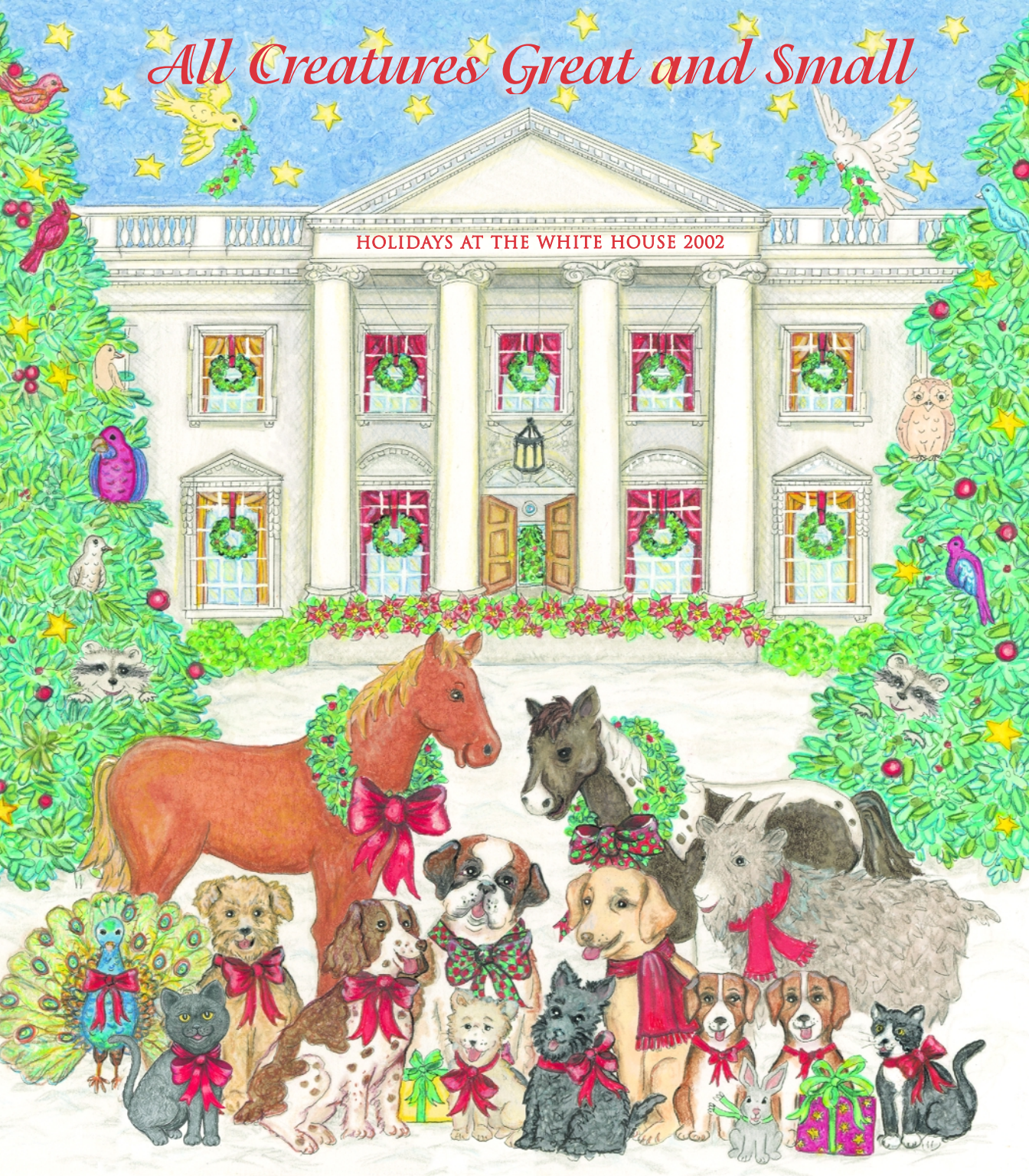


All Creatures Great and Small

HOLIDAYS AT THE WHITE HOUSE 2002





Welcome to the White House! Sharing holiday decorations is a long-standing White House tradition, and we are happy that you are here.

Creatures great and small have always been part of life in the White House. Animals and birds of every description have entertained, befriended, comforted and worked for Presidents and their families. To celebrate the 2002 holiday season, the White House Executive Residence staff, the National Park Service, and volunteers from across the United States have worked to illustrate the endearing role of dogs, cats, birds, horses, sheep and even alligators and raccoons in White House history.

Throughout the White House, miniatures of these creatures are the highlight of the holiday display. Our thanks to the Executive Residence staff members who carefully created the replicas from historical photographs and documents and to the many florists who volunteered their time and talent to install the decorations.

With all good wishes for a happy holiday season!

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ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL—especially those which have actually lived at the White House—are the stars of this year’s holiday decorations. We are celebrating the important role animals and birds play in our lives and the pleasure they give people everywhere.

Perched on the desk to greet you as you enter the East Wing is a small eastern gray squirrel, representing the many that have been both pets and pests to White House families for the last 200 years. For squirrels, the lovely huge trees that surround the White House are both home and playground, and they also provide seeds and nuts for year-round feasting.

The White House is decorated this year with hundreds of cheerful red poinsettia plants, including splendid Christmas trees made entirely from the brilliant blooms. The poinsettia came to this country from its native Mexico, where it is called *flor de nochebuena*, or flower of Christmas Eve. The first U.S. ambassador to Mexico, John Roberts Poinsett, spotted these lovely flowers which bloomed during the holiday season and began growing them in his native South Carolina. Soon they became the most popular Christmas flower in the United States.

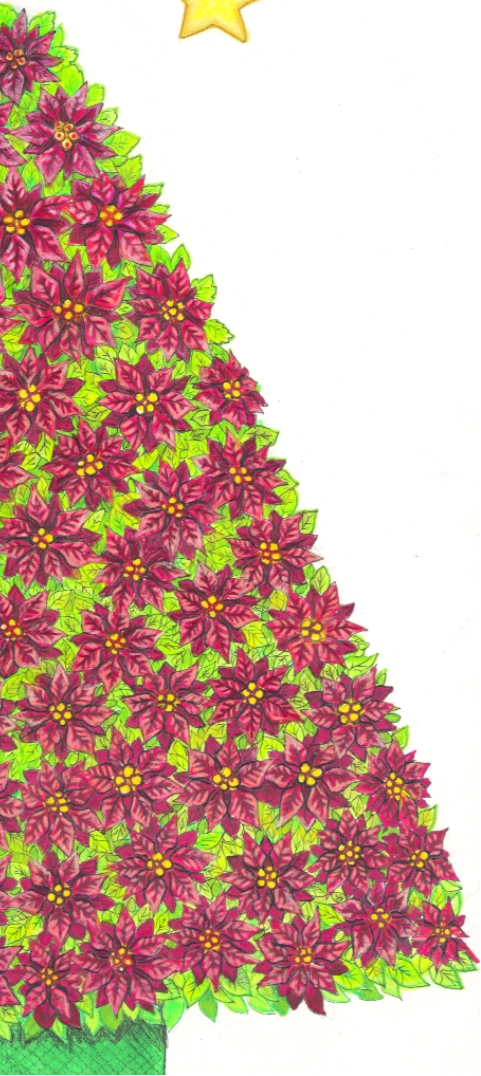
Each window along the East Colonnade is decorated with a wreath suspended by a large red velvet bow, and at night the colonnade is lighted by red candles in teakwood candlesticks made by White House craftsmen.

Official Christmas cards from the permanent White House collection—including the first, sent by President and Mrs. Dwight Eisenhower in 1953, and continuing through the 2002 card, sent by President and Mrs. George W. Bush—are displayed in the East Foyer, along with the original oil painting used for the 2002 card.

The painting, by Mr. Zhen-Huan Lu, depicts the grand piano you will see in the Entrance Hall upstairs on the State Floor, with its magnificent carved eagles.

On the easel is original artwork by Cheryl Barnes, the artist whose work decorates this souvenir brochure.





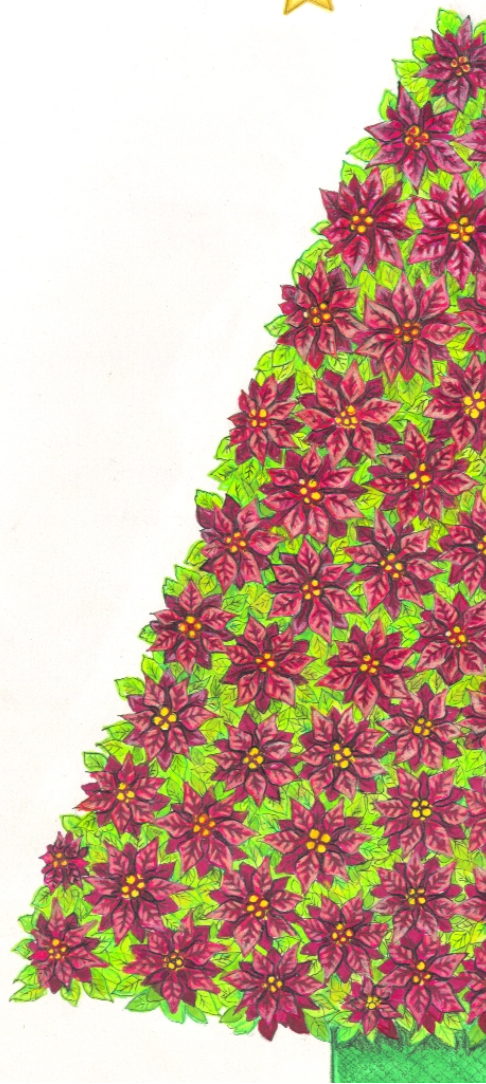
Papier maché models of presidential pets and animals enliven the scene along the ground floor corridor. On the table beneath Barbara Bush's portrait are Millie, her beloved English springer spaniel, and one of Millie's female puppies, Spot Fetcher. During Millie's first few months of living in the White House, she gave birth to this puppy and five others. Spot grew up in Texas with George W. and Laura Bush and their twin daughters, and now she lives in the White House again. Spot is the only presidential pet known to have lived in the White House during two administrations!

Under the portrait of Rosalynn Carter, wife of President Jimmy Carter, is Rob Roy. He was one of the white collies that belonged to our 30th President, Calvin Coolidge, and Mrs. Coolidge. Rob Roy came from a long line of sheep-herding dogs and was not at all sure he wanted to live indoors—even in the White House! Mrs. Coolidge had to do quite a bit of coaxing to get him to take his first ride on the elevator up to



the family floor. Soon, though, he was happily snoozing in front of the family's living-room fireplace. Grace Coolidge was so fond of Rob Roy that she included him in her official portrait, which is on the south wall of the China Room.

Standing under the portrait of Betty Ford is Liberty, President and Mrs. Gerald Ford's golden retriever. Liberty gave birth to a litter of eight puppies while she lived at the White House. Old Ike, the tobacco-chewing ram that grazed the lawn of the White House during World War I, can be found at the far end of the corridor under the portrait of Edith Bolling Wilson, the second wife of President Woodrow Wilson. Goats, especially two named Nanny and Nanko, were also favorite pets of President Abraham Lincoln and his family. The children hitched them to carts or sometimes kitchen chairs and went for wild rides, both outside and in—even through a reception in the East Room!





President Lyndon Johnson's two famous beagles, Him and Her, play with a ball on the pier table across the corridor.

An alligator, given to President John Quincy Adams by the Marquis de Lafayette, is on the lower shelf of the same pier table. For a time the alligator resided in a bathtub in the East Room.

For years the East Room has been home to the beautiful White House crèche, a gift to the White House in 1967 from Mrs. Charles W. Engelhard, Jr., of Far Hills, New Jersey. A new setting for the crèche was created in 1999. The figures are made of carved wood and terra cotta and were created in Naples, Italy, in the late 18th century.

In this lovely room where so many important White House events are held, more Presidential animals can be found on each mantel.

Rebecca and Reuben were the pet raccoons of President and Mrs. Calvin Coolidge. Rebecca, who joined the family before Reuben, was a favorite. The President built a little house for her, and Grace Coolidge walked Rebecca around the White House on a leash. Rebecca was a big hit with the children who came each year for the Easter Egg Roll!

The calico pony and bright blue and gold macaw were part of the menagerie belonging to the family of President Theodore Roosevelt. Algonquin, the pony, rode in the White House elevator to visit the Roosevelts' son Archie when he was ill. The macaw, named Eli Yale, was one of two kept as pets by the Roosevelt family.

Grazing on the southeast mantel are three of the lucky sheep brought to the White House by President Woodrow Wilson during World War I to keep the lawn of the White House neat and trim.

And Nelson, the fine steed which George Washington rode during the Revolutionary War, nobly wears his status as First Horse. President George and Martha Washington, though they never lived in the White House, set a fine precedent for Presidential pets by surrounding themselves with horses, dogs and Mrs. Washington's treasured parrot.

Beautiful spruce trees and garlands complete the East Room's bright and festive decorations.







One of the finest pieces of art in the White House, the portrait of Benjamin Franklin by David Martin, is a centerpiece of the Green Room. Topiaries of gold and green fruit stand on either side of the sofa, and brilliant red poinsettias and fresh green pears decorate the other tables.

The Blue Room has long been the location of the official White House Christmas Tree. This year's 18-foot noble fir was presented to President and Mrs. Bush by Ed and Cindy Hedlund and their son Thomas, of Hedlund Christmas Trees in Elma, Washington. The Hedlunds won this honor by being named the 2002 National Grand Champion Growers by the National Christmas Tree Association. Artisans from each of the U. S. states and territories and the District of Columbia were asked to participate in the decoration of the official tree. In appreciation of all creatures great and small, the participants were asked to create ornaments representing birds found in each artist's locale. Some are so lifelike, you can almost hear them sing! The splendid tree, alive with the beauty of God's creation, is graced below with a skirt made of over twenty yards of red velvet.

The Red Room is decorated with garlands and topiaries made of pomegranates, pears and magnolia leaves. A small cranberry tree surrounded by holly sits on an antique marble-top table.

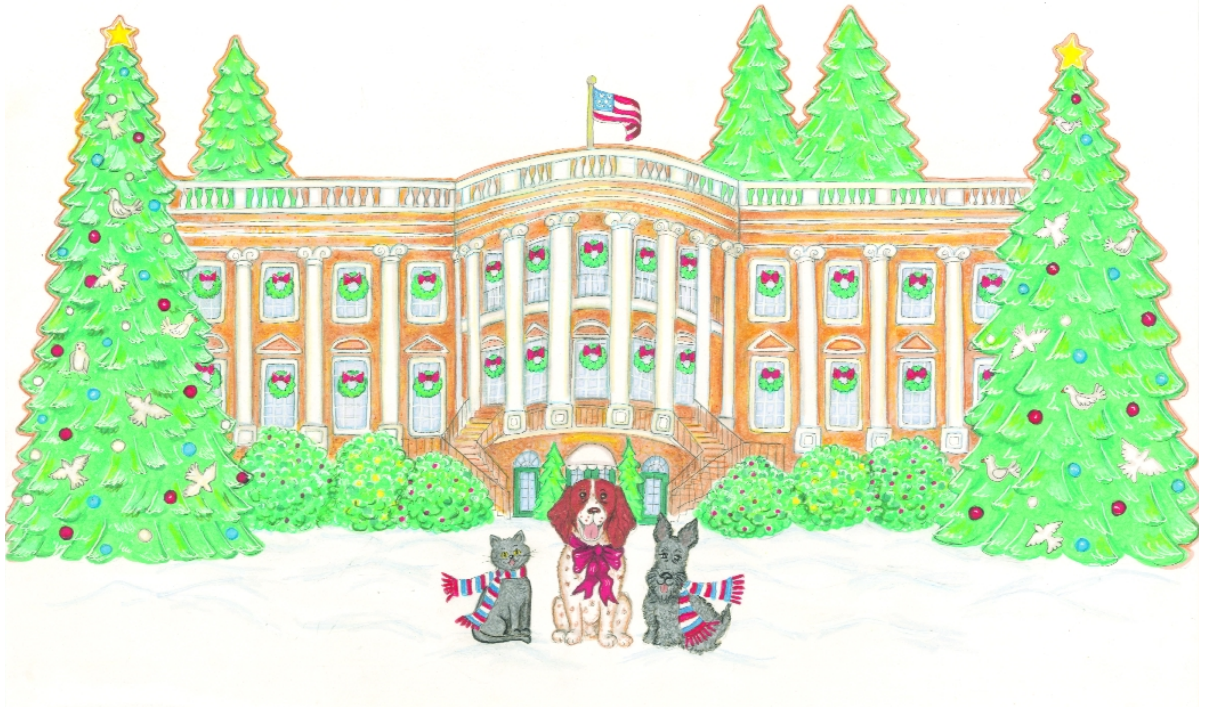


In the State Dining Room, a proud eagle made of gold hydrangea leaves presides over the 28-foot mahogany center table, along with candelabra and urns from the White House vermeil collection.

Cheerful garlands and bright sprays of greenery decorate the mantel and cascade from the wall sconces. The portrait of Abraham Lincoln is a powerful likeness of one of America's greatest presidents.

The gingerbread White House is always a crowd-pleaser in the State Dining Room. Taking approximately three weeks to create the delicious likeness, the White House chefs have fun with 80 pounds of gingerbread, 50 pounds of chocolate and 20 pounds of marzipan! In keeping with this year's theme, Presidential animals can be found both inside and out. How many can you find?

The entrances to both the East Room and the State Dining Room from the Cross Hall are surrounded by garlands full of large pine cones, red glass balls, red icicles, and red pepper berries.



Two pets belonging to Caroline, the daughter of President and Mrs. John F. Kennedy, are waiting for you in this grand hall. Near the State Dining Room doors you'll find her pony, Macaroni, which roamed freely all around the White House grounds and received fan mail from children all over the country.

Just outside the East Room, Caroline's lively dog Pushinka ("fluffy" in Russian), a gift from Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev, is making friends with Laddie Boy, President Warren Harding's Airedale terrier. Laddie Boy was a beloved pet whose activities often made the news. He sat in his very own chair during cabinet meetings and once invited all the neighborhood dogs to his birthday party, where they enjoyed a layered dog-biscuit cake topped with icing.

The pets that currently reside in the White House—Spot Fetcher, Barney and India—are on hand to greet you in the Entrance Hall. Spot is President and Mrs. Bush's English springer spaniel who was born in the White House on March 17, 1989, to Barbara Bush's dear companion Millie. Barney, the playful Scottish terrier, was President Bush's birthday gift to Mrs. Bush in 2000. India, also known as Willie, is a black cat that has been a family pet for over ten years. The real Barney, Spot and India make themselves at home



throughout the White House. The dogs are often seen playing chase out on the South Lawn and trying to hide their bones from the Secret Service!

Red poinsettia trees, garlands and red velvet ribbons add to the happy sights of the Entrance Hall and the Grand Staircase.

As you leave through the North Portico, you will see two 18-foot blue spruce trees filled with sparkling white lights. The lantern and chains suspended from the porch are draped with greenery and trimmed with red velvet ribbons. Hanging in each window of the residence is a wreath, also brightened with red ribbons.

These decorations are echoed on the South Portico railings and balconies by similar garlands, wreaths and trees.

We hope you enjoyed meeting some of the White House creatures great and small and seeing how they have enriched the lives of all those living and working here. And we wish for you a joyous holiday season.

Thank you for joining our holiday celebration!



Presidential Pets Matching Game













1. **Pushinka**—mixed-breed puppy from Russia, given to Caroline Kennedy by Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev. Pushinka means “fluffy” in Russian.

2. **Nanny**—one of the goats that pulled the Lincoln children around the White House grounds in a cart. Goats were kept by many presidents during earlier years.

3. **Nelson**—chestnut horse. George Washington’s horse during the Revolutionary War. George and Martha Washington did not live in the White House.

4. **Pauline**—the last cow to live at the White House. Milk cow for William H. Taft. Pauline supplied milk for the personal use of President Taft and his family.

5. **Alligator**—owned by John Quincy Adams. Given to Adams by Lafayette. Lived in bathtub in East Room.

6. **Laddie Boy**—airedale owned by Warren G. Harding. Laddie boy had his own big chair to sit in during cabinet meetings. Laddie Boy was Harding’s constant companion.

Match the Pets with their Description!

7. **Rob Roy**—White collie owned by Grace Coolidge. The Coolidges had one of the largest collections of pets ever to live in the White House.

8. **Willie**—black cat, **Spot**—English springer spaniel, and **Barney**—Scottish terrier. Current White House pets owned by George W. and Laura Bush.

9. **Sheep**—Woodrow Wilson kept a small flock of sheep on the White House grounds in order to keep the grass mowed during WWII.

10. **Him** and **Her**—twin beagles owned by Lyndon B. Johnson. They loved to play in the Oval Office and race down the halls.

11. **Rebecca** and **Reuben**—raccoons who stayed in their outdoor shed at night and occasionally roamed the White House during the day. Owned by Calvin and Grace Coolidge.

12. **Liberty**—golden retriever owned by Gerald Ford. Mother of eight pups that were born in the White House.



(Answers on last page)



THE WHITE HOUSE VISITOR CENTER

The Visitor Center is open from 7:30–4:00 every day except Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's. You will find interesting exhibits, tourist information, and helpful Park Rangers to answer your questions, as well as delightful figures of Barney, the Scottie who is a current White House resident, and Pauline Wayne. Pauline was the last cow to live at the White House and was the personal source of milk for William Howard Taft, President from 1909–1913. You may want to pay them a visit, too!

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Answers to the Presidential Pet Match
1–D, 2–I, 3–F, 4–J, 5–G, 6–K, 7–A, 8–C, 9–L, 10–E, 11–B, 12–H

