

# Winnie the Pooh from Canada



An orphan black bear cub from Canada was bought for \$20 by a soldier and traveled with him to England. Nicknamed “Winnie”, the cub proved a trusty companion. Trained with rewards of apples and a mix of condensed milk and corn syrup it slept under his cot and followed him around like a puppy. When not climbing tent poles or playing with her owner, the gentle bear posed for photographs with soldiers and became the regiment’s mascot.

Eventually the bear went to live at the London Zoo where it became the children’s book hero.

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