

# [***Kristi Noem's VP Odds Crash After Dog Killing Revelation***](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:6BWT-7NB1-DY68-1001-00000-00&context=1516831)

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**Highlight:** The South Dakota governor is no longer among front-runners for Donald Trump's running mate pick, according to Polymarket.

**Body**

South Dakota Governor Kristi Noem has seen her chances of becoming Donald Trump's 2024 running mate fall dramatically after reports of her shooting her "untrainable" dog emerged, according to an online prediction market.

Polymarket, a platform where users can place "yes" or "no" bets on the likelihood of world events, is currently giving Noem a 3 percent chance of potentially being the next [*Republican*](https://www.newsweek.com/topic/republican?utm_source=Synacor&utm_medium=Attnet&utm_campaign=Partnerships) vice president.

On Friday, Noem was given a 5 percent chance of being selected as Trump's next running mate, down from 10 percent the previous day. On March 25, Polymarket was listing Noem as the second favorite with 9 percent chance, behind South Carolina Senator [*Tim Scott*](https://www.newsweek.com/topic/tim-scott?utm_source=Synacor&utm_medium=Attnet&utm_campaign=Partnerships) on 22 percent.

Noem, New York congresswoman [*Elise Stefanik*](https://www.newsweek.com/topic/elise-stefanik?utm_source=Synacor&utm_medium=Attnet&utm_campaign=Partnerships) and Ohio Senator [*J.D. Vance*](https://www.newsweek.com/topic/j-d-vance?utm_source=Synacor&utm_medium=Attnet&utm_campaign=Partnerships) have long been considered front-runners for the [*role of Trump's next running mate.*](https://www.newsweek.com/donald-trump-running-mate-cpac-vice-president-1871198?utm_source=Synacor&utm_medium=Attnet&utm_campaign=Partnerships)The latest Polymarket odds show Scott in the lead with a 22 percent chance among named candidates, followed by Stefanik on 9 percent, with Vance and Trump's former GOP primary rival [*Nikki Haley*](https://www.newsweek.com/topic/nikki-haley?utm_source=Synacor&utm_medium=Attnet&utm_campaign=Partnerships) both given 6 percent.

The decline in Noem's chances of being Trump's running has coincided with extracts of her book being published by British newspaper *The Guardian* that revealed she [*shot her 14-month old pet dog*](https://www.newsweek.com/kristi-noem-fatally-shot-dog-donald-trump-vp-book-south-dakota-1894523?utm_source=Synacor&utm_medium=Attnet&utm_campaign=Partnerships), Cricket, because of its aggressive behavior.

"I hated that dog," Noem writes in *No Going Back: The Truth on What's Wrong with* ***Politics*** *and How We Move America Forward*, adding Cricket was "untrainable" and "dangerous to anyone she came in contact with."

"At that moment," Noem adds, "I realized I had to put her down."

"It was not a pleasant job," she added after describing shooting the dog. "But it had to be done."

Noem was [*widely mocked and condemned*](https://www.newsweek.com/republicans-slam-kristi-noem-killing-puppy-1894765?utm_source=Synacor&utm_medium=Attnet&utm_campaign=Partnerships) for admitting shooting her pet after the revelation.

Alyssa Farah Griffin, the former White House communications director turned critic of the former president, posted on X, previously called Twitter: "I'm a dog lover and I am honestly horrified by the Kristi Noem excerpt. I wish I hadn't even read it. A 14-month-old dog is still a puppy and can be trained. A large part of bad behavior in dogs is not having proper training from humans.

"Dogs are a gift from God. They're a reflection of his unconditional love. Anyone who would needlessly hurt an animal because they are inconvenient needs help."

Sarah Matthews, another Trump aide turned critic, added: "When I saw tweets about Kristi Noem murdering her puppy, I thought to myself, 'Damn, one of the other VP contenders' teams found some oppo,' until I realized SHE wrote about it in HER book.

"I'm not sure why anyone would brag about this unless they're sick and twisted."

Noem's office has been contacted for comment via email.

In February, Trump indicated that Noem and Scott were the[*front-runners to be his running mate.*](https://www.newsweek.com/donald-trump-drops-hints-about-vp-pick-presidential-election-1866697?utm_source=Synacor&utm_medium=Attnet&utm_campaign=Partnerships)

"I called Tim Scott and I told him 'you're a much better candidate for me than you are for yourself,'" he told [*Fox News*](https://www.newsweek.com/topic/fox-news?utm_source=Synacor&utm_medium=Attnet&utm_campaign=Partnerships).

"[*Kristi Noem*](https://www.newsweek.com/topic/kristi-noem?utm_source=Synacor&utm_medium=Attnet&utm_campaign=Partnerships) has been incredible fighting for me," he added. "She said 'I'd never run against him because I can't beat him.' That was a very nice thing to say."

Noem told Fox News in February that she [*and Trump*](https://www.newsweek.com/topic/donald-trump?utm_source=Synacor&utm_medium=Attnet&utm_campaign=Partnerships) have "never had that conservation" about her potentially being his 2024 running mate.

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**Graphic**

Kristi Noem in Ohio

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South Dakota Governor Kristi Noem speaks before former US President and Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump takes the stage during a Buckeye Values PAC Rally in Vandalia, Ohio, on March 16, 2024. Noem has seen her chances of becoming Trump's next running mate fall in recent days.

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