

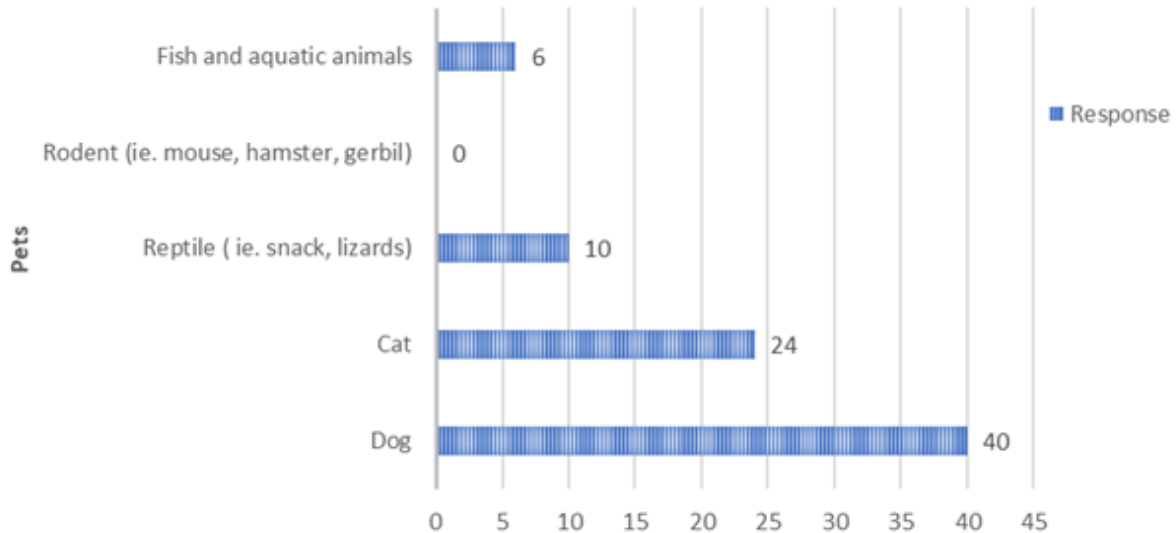
What's your favorite pet? A survey -

Pets are lovely furry companions that can turn any cloudy day to a sunny moment. These domesticated animals have captured the hearts of many with people even using the terms “dog person” or “cat mom” among others to describe themselves and shed light into their personality. According to 2019 - 2020 National Pet Owners Survey conducted by the American Pet Products Association, 67% of U.S. households, or about 85 million families, own a pet. As much as pets are generally adored, which pet is a favorite among individuals?

From the Pet Pandemonium: Which is Your Favorite survey conducted this month, 50% (40) of respondents declared dogs as the ultimate pet. When asked why, many reasons provided generalized that dogs are more active and have more responses and actions that mimic their human owners.

“This makes them more lovable and cuter. My dog is always trying to make me happy when she sees I’m sad. It’s like I have a best friend that’s not human” wrote respondent Leslie Campos who is the owner of a cute puppy she rescued during the pandemic during the pandemic.

QUESTION: WHICH IS YOUR FAVORITE PET?



	Dog	Cat	Reptile (ie. snake, lizards)	Rodent (ie. mouse, hamster, gerbil)	Fish and aquatic animals
Response	40	24	10	0	6

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30% (24) of the respondents said that they love cats for the exact opposite reasons that people may enjoy dogs. Most of their reasons collectively stated that cats require almost less supervision and are self-sufficient in terms of keeping themselves active and groomed.

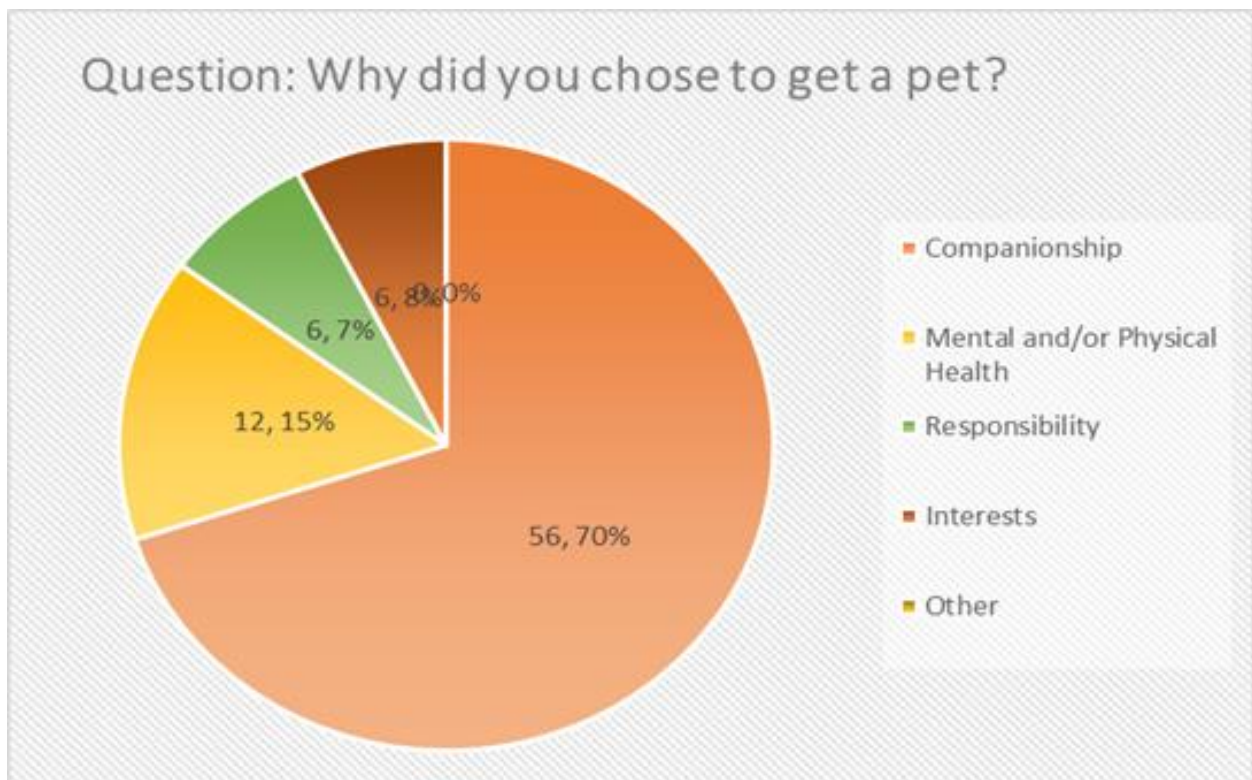
“My cat has the attitude of snobbish, rich woman. She looks for me when she needs some pats and when she doesn’t, she occupies herself by playing with a box and could care less. She pretty much rules her day,” respondent Mia Love wrote about her sphynx cat.

Some respondents voted reptiles as their favorite pet at 12.5% (10). Contrary to notion of lizards and snakes being cold and not being able to show emotions, Liam Brown, a gecko owner, and respondent, wrote that his gecko makes “purr” sounds when he gets pats on the head. Brown also had a passion for reptiles as a young boy and found an opportunity to purchase his gecko when he moved out for college.

“I love reptiles as pets because most of them are portable and adaptable. I take my gecko with me when I go back home for the holidays and bring him back to campus. He can barely tell the difference. As far as I feed him his crickets, he’s happy,” Brown wrote.

7.5% (6) or respondents picked fish and other aquatic animals as their favorite pets. Fish-loving respondents said they love building aquariums for their many fishes and enjoy the aspect of creating a “little ocean in their homes”.

“I have a collection of fish and I love them all! They are quite tiny so there is plenty room for them all. They are so cute and graceful so just looking at them after a stressful day calms me down,” respondent Mi Lang wrote about her pet fish.



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70% (56) of respondents said that they decided to get pets for companionship, especially during this pandemic. 15% (12) or respondents said that they got a pet to help improve their mental and/or physical health. 7.5% (6) respondents got pets to have a sense of responsibility and the remaining respondents got pets to explore certain interests at 7.5% (6).