



WHAT DO PEOPLE PREFER - CATS OR DOGS?

BY TYLER FELTS

Cats and dogs are the 2 most common pets throughout the entire world, and are beloved by all different types of people. And because of this, there is a lot of debate on whether or not cats or dogs are superior pets. To finally settle this debate, we have sent out a survey to determine what pet people prefer. We were able to gather over 180 responses from people who attend RSHS, and they all answered the same question, "Which pet do you prefer? Cats or Dogs?" Of the 184 people that took the survey, 124 of the participants picked dogs as the preferred pet, and the other 60 participants selected cats as the preferred pet. This means that roughly 67 percent of the people who took the survey said dogs were the better pets, showing that a 2/3 majority of people that attend RSHS prefer dogs over cats.

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We also wanted to know why people chose the pet they chose, so we asked them another optional question after the first initial question, which was “Why do you prefer either Cats or Dogs?” From this question, we were able to determine just exactly why so many more people choose dogs over cats, and some of the responses we received were very interesting and informative. Some of the most common reasons why people preferred dogs over cats were because people have allergies to cats, dogs are more loyal to their owners, dogs are more fun and energetic than cats, and also dogs are a lot more friendly to other people. A lot of these people that said dogs over cats also discussed some of the things about cats that they don't like. For example one person said “bro cats just sit there if you get robbed or something the cat isn't gonna help you but a dog would at least bark or attack or something. Cats are pretty pointless uh but yeah dogs are cool.” This same type of idea is repeated consistently throughout the responses. Many people also said that cats are mean, and don't care for, or even respect their owners at all. Cats in a lot of ways are the complete opposite of dogs. Dogs are more loyal, energetic, friendly, and fun, while cats on the other hand are more chill, quiet, and independent.

Some people, on the other hand, completely disagree with the pro-dog side and actually prefer cats instead. Like stated before, dogs are a lot more energetic than cats are, and some people don't really like that as much as others would. Some people prefer pets that are less dependent on their owners, and are more quiet and reserved. While dogs have a lot of great qualities, they also have some downsides. They are more dependent, loud, and have a lot of energy that can be too much for some people. One person even said, “Dogs are just too much in every aspect.” Cat people like not having to take care of and pay attention to their pet all the time like you would have to with a dog.

So, in conclusion, it is true that in general, more people do prefer dogs over cats, and that is not just here in Rising Sun, this is the general consensus for the entire United States. A study was performed in 2010 where, similar to this, they put out a survey asking Americans, “Do you like Dogs?” and “Do you like Cats?” and 74% of all the people who took the survey said that they liked dogs, and only 41% said that they liked cats. But at the end of the day, the question of whether or not people prefer cats or dogs more is always a person-to-person preference. Some people just prefer the more fun and loud energy of a dog, and some people prefer the more calm and vicious energy of a cat.

Here are some more responses that were given to the survey:

- *“Dogs are better for many reasons, mostly because dogs are more trainable. Another reason is dogs will fight for you if someone broke into your house while cats will just stand there waiting for food. My final reason is cats smell all the time no matter what!”*
- *“Although I'm allergic, cats are just very intelligent and independent. They can also be very adorable and fluffy, so cuddles with them count. Dogs are also cool, too, but they can be a little too playful, I prefer something more tame and calm.”*
- *“Dogs are man's best friend for a reason. They can help the police, first responders and military for many applications like sniffing out bombs or the injured in rubble. But they can also help when hunting by retrieving birds, tracking deer, or catching small game. But the most important, they are big balls of fur and fun.”*
- *“I own 10 dogs, I've grown up with them my whole life, and while I like how calm cats are, I love my dogs and their chaotic mess.”*
- *“Dogs are more friendly, obedient and loving, plus they display emotion towards humans”*
- *“Cats are simple. eat, sleep, meow. dogs bite.”*

Thank you to everyone who answered the survey, and tell your cat or dog thanks for being awesome.



HOW DO DIFFERENT COLORS CHANGE YOUR MOOD?

BY KYLIE STAFFORD

Recently you may have noticed that our school now has new brightly colored tables. Whether you like the designs or not, you may have noticed that when you look at them you may feel confident or optimistic. Maybe? Maybe not? Well you should. There have been many studies that show that looking at certain colors can improve your mood and orange has been shown to make you feel strong and confident. Bright colors in general should not only brighten the room but your mood as well.

After conducting interviews regarding the new tables at RSHS, we found that while several people enjoy the color and design, some have negative viewpoints mentioning a feeling of “disgust” or feeling “overwhelmed” regarding the new design, while others reported they have “no feeling” about the matter. This leads us to the question: if studies show the orange should make you feel optimistic and strong, why do so many students feel so negative about it? The truth may be that some people just don’t like the idea of change, or they don’t enjoy the overall school environment. Some accounts say that the tables are “over-designed” adding to the idea that they are overwhelmed by the amount of bright colors, which is another feeling that one could get from looking at the color orange.

Colors have both negative and positive effects, depending on how colors are perceived both personally and socially. Now thinking more broadly, color has been used as a tool in mood improvement and association in all sorts of different things! Things such as TV shows giving a character an assigned color so you know what type of person they are right off the bat, or a pediatrics office with fun bright colors and even bright characters painted on the walls to make kids feel more comfortable are some of the ways color is used to influence our moods. Here are some common associations with various colors. See if you agree!

The color red induces strong feelings such as love, passion, and anger. Interesting how a color can make you feel an extreme positive emotion such as love all the way to an extreme negative emotion such as anger.

Orange induces feelings of optimism, happiness, and enthusiasm.

The color yellow makes you feel energetic and happy.

The color blue makes you feel serenity, stability, and peace. A very relaxing color!

The color green also gives you the feeling of relaxation and calmness; however, green is also typically a representation of greed and envy.

The color purple makes you feel royal, luxurious, and creative.

What Does Your Favorite Flower Say About You?

By Nora Snyder

Spring is here and flowers are blooming everywhere! Everyone has a favorite flower. What does yours say about you.



Tulip: You're a little bit basic, but well-liked. You and your friends are inseparable, much to your teacher's dismay.



Daffodil: You're a ball of sunshine when spring finally arrives and you can say goodbye to those winter blues. You're a cheerful person that everyone likes to be around!



Hyacinth: You are a forgiving person, and very popular at social gatherings, but your social battery runs out quickly, so you don't last long before retreating to the corner near the snack table.



Lily: You have an immaculate sense of style with a versatile closet and an outfit for every occasion. Everyone goes to you for fashion tips.



Lily of the Valley: You're very innocent, maybe concerningly so, but you're the friend that everyone looks for at parties because you are so good at party games, especially Scrabble.



Bleeding Hearts: You're very passionate about your interests, which are usually pretty obscure. But you're more than ready to educate others about them.



Pansy: You are a morning person and a dog person. You are very popular among your peers, and an extrovert. Also you are an AVID coffee and/or caffeine enjoyer.



Lilac: You are a nighttime person, and you love relaxing with a cup of tea and a good book. You are also definitely a cat person.



Crocus: You like to keep to yourself in public, but when you're on your favorite video game at home, you are an absolute BEAST in the voice chat. You also like Monster energy a little too much.



Decorating Easter Eggs: A Belated Look at Some Creative Ways to Dye Your Eggs & Marshmallows!



By Laine Schatzer

Dating all the way back to 1290, people have been decorating eggs to celebrate the Easter holiday. And while Easter may have come and gone already, it's never too late to start planning ahead for next year. (Also, these same techniques work great for jumbo marshmallows, so go ahead and add some color to your smores this summer.) Here are 3 different ways to create these colorful treats.

Whipped Cream Eggs

If you're aiming to create a lovely marbled look, whipped cream eggs just might be for you. With only eight materials and an estimated one hour of time, this kid-friendly technique is a perfect fit.

Materials:

- Hard boiled eggs
- White vinegar
- Whipped cream
- Food coloring
- Bowl of water
- Baking pan
- Skewer
- Vegetable oil (optional)



Instructions:

Step One: Place your hard-boiled eggs in a large bowl of vinegar. Soak the eggs for 20 minutes. This allows the dye to stick better in step 3.

Step Two: Fill a shallow dish with a healthy layer of whipped cream, about an inch or so. Place drops of food color wherever your heart desires. Take a skewer and swirl.

Step Three: Pick up a hard boiled egg and roll across the surface of the cream. Place the egg on a paper towel and let it fully dry for 20 minutes. Wipe the whipped cream off only after. Repeat with the remaining eggs.

Step Four: Wash off the eggs in the bowl of water. Carefully pat dry so the dye is not disturbed. If you want a shiny finish, rub with a bit of vegetable oil and voila!



Instant Pot Eggs

If you would rather have plain colored eggs without dealing with those messy box kits from the store, then this method is what you want! Not to mention you can cook and dye your eggs at the same time! Instant Pots really can do everything, can't they? And it only takes about 15 minutes.

Materials:

- White vinegar
- Water
- Liquid food coloring
- Eggs
- Ice water
- Instant Pot
- Pint canning jars

Instructions:

Step One: To ensure that your Instant Pot comes out not looking like a rainbow exploded, we'll dye the eggs in mason or pint canning jars and place them in. The amount of jars that fit at a time depends on the size of the pot. Fill each jar with 2 tablespoons of white vinegar and 10-12 drops of food coloring. Place eggs in as well (2-3). Top off with water so it covers the eggs.

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Step Two: Make sure the short rack is in the bottom of the Instant Pot so the jars aren't sitting directly on the bottom and add 1 cup of water. Set it to natural release and cook on high pressure for 6 minutes, then let the steam release for another 6. When removing the jars, use an oven mitt! Dunk each egg in ice water to cool.



Naturally Dyed Eggs

So, you have some time on your hands. Why not dye your eggs naturally? Sometimes natural is best, and the process is actually pretty simple. Each color will have a different process, so be prepared. Here's how!

Materials:

- Large wide mouth jar
- Hard boiled eggs
- See instructions below for the ingredients for each individual color.

Instructions:

For each color, let the eggs soak in the concoction in the refrigerator, preferably overnight.



Dark Pink: Cut 1 medium beet into chunks and add 4 cups of boiling water. Add 2 tablespoons of vinegar and cool, then remove the beets.



Red-Orange: Mix 2 tablespoons of paprika into 1 cup boiling water, then add 2 teaspoons of vinegar.



Yellow: Simmer 4 oz. of chopped carrot tops in 1 and ½ cups of water. Strain after 15-20 minutes and add 2 teaspoons of vinegar.



Jade Green: Peel the skin of 6 red onions and let simmer in 2 cups of water for 15-20 minutes. Add 3 teaspoons of white vinegar.



Blue: Mash 1 cup of frozen blueberries and mix into 1 cup water. Let sit until the water changes color, then strain the blueberries.

