

# Cat vs Dog: Who loves their owner more? The results will shock you!

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Let's face it, cat and dog owners don't often to see eye-to-eye on feline vs canine debates! But a neuroscientist has decided to solve one dilemma once and for all and has now revealed the results of an experiment to see whether cats or dogs love their owners more.

## It's claw-ful news for cat lovers

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Paul Zak, PhD, discovered that (sorry, feline-fanatics), according to his experiment, dogs love their owners up to five times more than cats do.

During the experiment for BBC2's *Cats v Dogs* series, he took samples of saliva from 10 cats and dogs straight after they'd been playing with their owners for 10 minutes.

He then tested the saliva for oxytocin, what you could call 'the love hormone'. Yep, it's what cats and dogs (and us) produce when we're feeling all luuuuurved up. Cute.

## And the dogs were feline loved up

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Unfortunately for the cat-lovers out there, it was no close call. Zak found that cats experienced, on average, a 12% increase in oxytocin, whereas dogs experienced a whopping 57.2% increase.

*"I was really surprised to discover that dogs produced such high levels of oxytocin. The dog level of 57.2 percent is a very powerful response,"* Zak said to *Womans World*. *"From this sample it's true to say that these dogs love their owners five times more than the cats do."*

## But don't worry, your kitty definitely still loves you!

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Okay, so Zak did see a big contrast in oxytocin levels, but that doesn't mean we should generalize all cats and dogs.

Truthfully, while cats are definitely a lil' more independent than our canine buddies, they still totally love us to bits. We bet your kitty shows you love in so many ways - when they purr, rub up against you and blink slowly at you.

So while the results of this study are pretty interesting, we're certain the feline and canine debate isn't coming to an end *just* yet.