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# Dogs and Cats

# Introduction

Cats and dogs are considered to be the most popular animals in this world. Physically both these animals look very much identical and also have similar biology, but they are very different from each other. Dogs and cats both are considered to be a mammal, but their ancestors separated from the ancestral lineages hundreds of years ago. This essay briefly describes the similarities and differences between cats and dogs.

# Discussion

There are several similarities between cats and dogs, and the most significant is to have instinct senses and friendly to humans which makes them reared for pets. They both need attention, affection, love, and care due to which they have an extremely friendly nature to live with human beings peacefully. Both of these animals have hairs on their bodies. They also have similar body plans with four legs, horizontal body posture, and long tails. Both of them clean their body by licking it. Moreover, there are many similar challenges the owner has to face while keeping both these animals as a pet. As their faces are covered with fur which can lead to fleas so it can be really disturbing for anyone to keep them at home. Both of them required high maintenance standards which include expensive animal foods, cleaning cost, and pet sprays. They are easily trained for providing services to the owner and for hygiene. Both dogs and cats are bred in captivity. Both of these amazing pet animals cope with nursing their offspring. In the wild habitat, both of these animals rely on scavenging and hunting for finding the food (Flaminia & Maria, 2018).

There are also a lot of differences to discuss between these two pet animals. The most significant difference is that both of them have different behaviors as the cat is a calm animal while unlike it a dog is considered to be hostile at unknown persons and can also be used for security purpose. The cat is a creature which does not need much attention and can do its hunting alone while the dog always requires attention. The shape of the body of the cat is lean which helps it to facilitate unnoticeable and silent hunting while the dogs have the muscular body for catching its enemies. The diet of cat and dogs are different, as they feed on separate meals. The cat is extremely carnivore and often takes something short of meat while the dog can eat anything available starting from proteins, vegetable, to starch. Most cats are hairier than dogs, and their claws are sharper than that of dogs. Moreover, cats have a less sharp memory as compared to dogs (van Beusekom, Cyrina D., et al., 2015). Dogs are smarter and intelligent than cats in the aspect of verbal commands. For example, one can call his pet dog with the name, but it will be effective on cats. Both of these animals makes a different sound. Cat usually sounds like "meow" while the dog usually barks. Another obvious difference between them is that dogs are bigger than cats. Unlike cats, the dogs enjoy the game of fetching while the cat would only to see his owner tossing a ball. Cats are considered to be nocturnal animals who enjoy at night mostly while the dogs like to snore at night.

# Conclusion

So, it is concluded that there are various similarities and differences between cats and dogs. These contrast and comparison between these two pet animals are perceived in separate ways. Some may think dogs are more preferable as a pet than cats due to their intelligence and loyalty while others will choose a cat due to its companionship. The personality of an individual decides which pet is better for him.

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