

## POLL: Cat vs. Dog; Who loves owner more?

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A new study shows that dogs love their owners five times more than their kitty counterparts, according to Metro.

This research was explained on the BBC documentary *Cats vs. Dogs*.

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According to the documentary, researchers studied a chemical present in the brain called Oxytocin. Scientists describe Oxytocin as the “love hormone.”

The Oxytocin levels both rise for dogs and cats when they see their owners. Dogs showed a much bigger boost in Oxytocin, according to researchers.

The dogs had a 57.2% increase in Oxytocin levels while interacting with their owners and cats only clocked an average increase of 12%.

According to People Magazine, Dr. Paul Zak, who examined the results, “was really surprised to discover that dogs produced such high levels of Oxytocin.” He adds “it was also a nice surprise to discover that cats produce any at all. At least some of the time, cats seem to bond with their owners.”