

# Somerset Youth & Community Service

## Dogs & Cats Quiz



(Information correct when quiz was created in March 2017)

1. How did the boxer dog get its name?

*The boxer dog gets its name from its habit of standing on its hind legs and battling at its opponent or playmate with its front legs – in other words, boxing!*

2. When were cats first domesticated?

*The first domestic cat is recorded 7,000 years ago. It is most likely a relative of the African wild cat.*

3. Who has more teeth, dogs or cats?

*Dogs – they have 42, cats have only 30*

4. How many complaints of animal cruelty and neglect against dogs and cats did the RSPCA investigate in 2014-15 (to the nearest 10,000)

*115,000*

5. How many cats and dogs are there in the UK (to the nearest million)?

*15.8 million (7.4 million cats and 8.4 million dogs)*

6. Which is the dog's most acute sense?

*Smell – a dog has 220 million olfactory receptors, compared to humans, who have between 5 and 10 million.*

7. When does a cat purr?

*They purr when they are scared, in pain and content. The purr has been shown to improve bone density and promote healing*

8. What percentage of American dog owners have a birthday party for their pet?

*9%!*

9. How much of its time does a cat spend grooming itself?

*A cat spends about 30% of its waking hours grooming*

10. What is the tallest dog breed?

*The Irish Wolfhound, males stand between 30 – 34 inches (76 – 86 cm) at the shoulders. Standing on its hind legs, a wolfhound can stretch to seven feet tall (2.1 metres).*

11. What does it mean if a cat's tail is swishing from side to side?

*The cat is angry and about to pounce! If the tail is raised, it means the cat is relaxed or friendly.*

12. Who has the most different vocal sounds, dogs or cats?

*Cats – who have over 100 vocal sounds, whilst dogs only have about 10*

**13.** How many hours per day do cats sleep, on average?

*Around 16 hours – in the wild, big cats will sleep even more. Only sloths spend more time sleep*

**14.** How big is the world's smallest living dog?

*The world's smallest living dog is called 'Heaven Sent Brandy' a female Chihuahua who measures 6 inches (15 cm) from nose to tail.*