



## Mutts-have moves

Have you ever seen a pooch practising yoga? Now you can every day of the year, thanks to Dan and Alejandra Borris, a couple from Texas, US, who last year released their pet-project — the 2010 Yoga Dogs calendar.

To create the quirky

calendar, the couple enlisted a bunch of fun and flexible pooches to pose for the camera, with former yoga practitioner Alejandra gently coaxing them into comfortable positions similar to many common yoga moves. Image editing

software was then used to perfect each pose.

Visit [www.yogadogz.com](http://www.yogadogz.com) to see the complete collection of photographs from the 2009 and 2010 calendars.

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## Canines cream cats in poll

It's a controversial topic that pet owners have been arguing about for centuries — are dogs or cats the most beloved pets of all? Well, the verdict is finally in and which of our furry friends was named the victor? Dogs, of course!

The Pet Preference Poll was inspired by the Meet the Breeds™ event, which saw the American Kennel Club (AKC) and the Cat Fanciers' Association (CFA) teaming up for the largest showcase of cats and dogs in the world. Pet lovers were invited to cast their votes in the eight weeks leading up to the event, with 9000 people having their say before the polling closed.

According to organisers, dog lovers were blazing ahead in the preferred pet stakes right from very start and fetched 65 per cent of the final vote. Although crafty cat owners tried to claw their way back in the closing weeks of the debate, it seems that this time, the cat didn't get the cream.

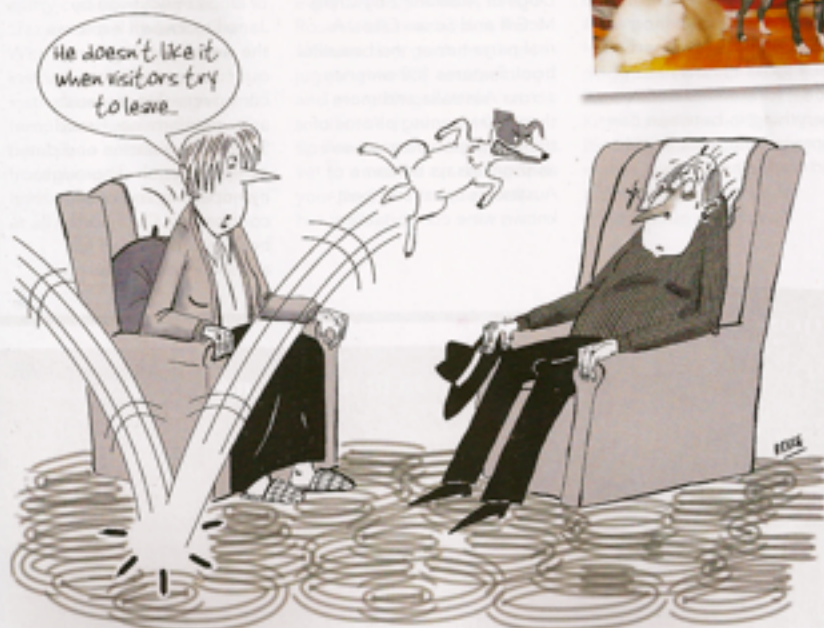


## Smarty pants

According to a new study conducted by researchers at the University of British Columbia, Canada, dogs are far more intelligent than we give them credit for. In fact, they are just as smart as an average two-year-old tot.

Led by Professor Stanley Coren, an expert in canine intelligence, the research team found that dogs have the ability to understand up to 250 words and gestures, count up to five and do basic sums.

The study was conducted using tests designed to assess the development of language and mathematical skills in young children.



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