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# The AP-Petside.com Poll

Conducted by GfK Roper Public Affairs & Media

*Interview dates: October 1-October 5, 2009*

*Interviews: 1,166 pet owners*

*Margin of error: +/- 2.9 percentage points at the 95% confidence level*

*NOTE: All results show percentages among all respondents, unless otherwise labeled.*

*Please refer to the exact sample number at the bottom of each table.*

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**NOTE: ALL QUESTIONS ASKED OF PET OWNERS ONLY.**

PET2. Please tell me what pets you have in your household, like dogs, cats, birds, fish, and other kinds of animals.

[DO NOT READ LIST ONLY IF NECESSARY. MARK ALL THAT APPLY]

	10/1/09- 10/5/09	5/28/09- 6/1/09
Dog	74	72
Cat	47	47
Fish (tropical fish, goldfish etc.)	14	12
Birds (canaries, parrots, parakeets—any type of bird)	7	6
Gerbils, hamsters, mice, rats (etc.)	3	3
Horse; pony	2	2
Turtles/tortoises	2	1
Rabbit	1	3
Lizards, iguanas, komodo dragons, etc. (All reptiles OTHER than SNAKES)	1	1
Pig	1	*
Snake/(s)	*	1
Frogs, toads, geckos, (other small amphibians)	*	1
Goat	*	*
Other (specify)	2	2
Don't know (DO NOT READ)	-	*
Refused (DO NOT READ)	-	-

*Based on:*

*N=1,166*

*N=1,110*

***(PET3 through PET11 previously released)***

PET18. Do you plan to buy a holiday gift for (your pet/any of your pets) this year, or not?

	10/1/09- 10/5/09	12/3/08- 12/8/08
Yes	52	43
No	48	55
Don't know	1	1
Refused	*	--

*Based on:*

*N=1,166 N=1,129*

PET19. Did you buy a holiday gift for (your pet/any of your pets) last year, or not?

	10/1/09- 10/5/09	12/3/08- 12/8/08
Yes	49	46
No	49	52
Did not have a pet last year	2	2
Don't know	*	*
Refused	*	-

*Based on:*

*N=1,166 N=1,129*

## AP-Petside.com Poll Methodology

The **Associated Press-Petside.com Poll** was conducted October 1<sup>st</sup> – October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009, by GfK Roper Public Affairs & Media – a division of GfK Custom Research North America. This telephone poll is based on a nationally-representative probability sample of 1,166 pet owners age 18 or older. The interviews were conducted with respondents on landlines and cellular telephones. Both the landline and cell phone samples were provided by Survey Sampling International. The survey sample included the contiguous 48 states, Alaska and Hawaii. Interviews were conducted in both English and Spanish.

The combined landline and cell phone data were weighted to account for non-response differences on age, sex, education and race, using targets from the March 2008 supplement of the Current Population Survey.

The margin of sampling error is plus or minus 2.9 percentage points for results based on the entire sample of pet owners. The margin of sampling error is higher and varies for results based on sub-samples. In our reporting of the findings, percentage points are rounded off to the nearest whole number. As a result, percentages in a given table column may total slightly higher or lower than 100%. In questions that permit multiple responses, columns may total significantly more than 100%, depending on the number of different responses offered by each respondent.

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