



# The AP-Petside.com Poll

Conducted by GfK Roper Public Affairs & Corporate Communications

*Interview dates: October 13 – October 20, 2010:*

*Interviews: 1,000 pet owners*

*Margin of error: +/- 4.0 percentage points at the 95% confidence level*

*NOTE: All results show percentages among all pet owners interviewed 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]

	10/13/10- 10/20/10	4/7/10- 4/12/10	10/1/09- 10/5/09	5/28/09- 6/1/09
Dog	75	73	74	72
Cat	48	49	47	47
Fish (tropical fish, goldfish etc.)	12	13	14	12
Birds (canaries, parrots, parakeets—any type of bird)	4	6	7	6
Gerbils, hamsters, mice, rats (etc.)	2	2	3	3
Horse; pony	2	2	2	2
Turtles/tortoises	2	1	2	1
Rabbit	2	2	1	3
Lizards, iguanas, komodo dragons, etc. (All reptiles OTHER than SNAKES)	1	1	1	1
Pig	1	*	1	*
Snake/(s)	1	1	*	1
Frogs, toads, geckos, (other small amphibians)	1	1	*	1
Goat	1	1	*	*
Other (specify	4	3	2	2
Don't know [VOL]	-	-	-	*
Refused [VOL]	-	*	-	-

Based on:

N=1,000

N=1,112

N=1,166

N=1,110

PET36. Have you ever noticed that any of your pets seem to have a sixth sense about knowing when a storm or bad weather is approaching, or haven't you noticed that?

	10/13/10-10/20/10
Yes, have noticed this	67
No, have not noticed this	33
Don't know [VOL]	-
Refused [VOL]	*

*Based on: N=1,000*

PET37. Have you ever noticed that any of your pets seem to have a sixth sense about when something bad is about to happen to you or someone in your family, or haven't you noticed that?

	10/13/10-10/20/10
Yes, have noticed this	43
No, have not noticed this	57
Don't know [VOL]	-
Refused [VOL]	*

*Based on: N=1,000*

ASKED IF YES TO PET36 OR PET37:

PET37b. How does your pet tend to behave when they seem to know that a storm or bad weather is coming, or something bad is about to happen to you or someone in your family?

<b>RANDOMIZE</b>	YES	No	DK	REF
Bark or meow persistently	36	64	*	-
Try to hide in a safe place	64	36	*	-
Whine or cry	56	44	*	-
Become hyperactive, erratic or unpredictable movements	52	48	1	-
Some other way (SPECIFY)	36	64	1	*
<i>Based on: N=715</i>				

## AP-Petside.com Poll Methodology

The **Associated Press-Petside.com Poll** was conducted October 13<sup>th</sup> – October 20<sup>h</sup>, 2010, by GfK Roper Public Affairs & Corporate Communications – a division of GfK Custom Research North America. This telephone poll is based on a nationally-representative probability sample of 1,000 pet owners age 18 or older.

Interviews were conducted with 1,000 Pet Owners on landlines and on cellular telephones. Both the landline and cell phone samples were provided by Survey Sampling International. The sample included the contiguous 48 states, Alaska, and Hawaii. Interviews were conducted in both English and Spanish, depending on respondent preference.

The combined landline and cell phone data were weighted to account for probabilities of selection, as well as age, sex, education and race, using targets from the March 2009 supplement of the Current Population Survey. In addition to these factors, the weighting takes into account the patterns of land and cell phone usage by region from the 2009 Fall estimates provided by Mediamark Research Inc.

The margin of sampling error is plus or minus 4.0 percentage points at the 95% confidence level, for results based on the entire sample of adults. 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.

Trend data are displayed for selected questions from previous AP-Petside.com Polls that also consisted of telephone interviews with nationally-representative probability samples of pet owners age 18 or older. Details about all AP-GfK Polls are available at <http://www.ap-gfkpoll.com>.