

Molly Top Cat Names in the UK

The name was not in the top 10 five years ago.

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The name Molly was the top name chosen for cats in the United Kingdom in 2006, according to a new survey by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (RSPCA).

The name also topped the list of names for dogs, even though Molly wasn't in the top 10 of either the cat or dog names list the last time the poll was conducted in 2001.

The survey, hosted on the RSPCA's website, was completed by 1,823 people, who owned a total of 6,581 pets – an average of 3.6 pets per owner.

According to the results, the top cat names were:

1. Molly
2. Felix
3. Smudge
4. Sooty
5. Tigger
6. Charlie
7. Alfie
8. Oscar
9. Millie
10. Misty

Other results from the survey say that most pet owners (56 percent) got a pet to keep them company. More than 33 percent got a pet because they wanted to rescue an animal. Fifty-four percent had their pet microchipped.

The majority of cats (55 percent) were acquired for free, according to the results, while the majority of dogs (78 percent) were bought.

For complete survey results, visit the RSPCA website.