

## Presidential Candidates' Pets

**Sen. John McCain says he has a total of 22 furry, feathered and fishy friends.**

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Sen. John McCain takes the lead of presidential candidates with the most pets, coming in with a total of 22 pets. If U.S. presidential candidates were elected based on how many pets they have, then Arizona Sen. John McCain would win the 2008 election.

In a recent interview with the Associated Press (AP), McCain said that he has 22 pets at home: two dogs, one cat, 13 saltwater fish, three parakeets, two turtles and a ferret.

The AP queried the current crop of 2008 presidential candidates about how many pets live in their homes, and McCain had far more than any other candidate.

The presidential candidate with the second-highest number of pets was Kansas Sen. Sam Brownback. Brownback said he has five pets in his home: two dogs, two cats and a fish.

Other presidential candidates' pets are: Delaware Sen. Joe Biden (Democrat): one cat

Kansas Sen. Sam Brownback (Republican): two dogs, two cats and a fish

New York Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton (Democrat): Seamus, a Labrador Retriever

Connecticut Sen. Chris Dodd (Democrat): None because of his family's allergies, but he said he would like a dog

Former North Carolina Sen. John Edwards (Democrat): two dogs, a Golden Retriever and Chocolate Labrador

Former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani (Republican): none

Former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee (Republican): Jet, a 9-year-old black Labrador Retriever and Sonic, a 1-and-a-half-year-old Shih Tzu

California Rep. Duncan Hunter (Republican): two black Labrador Retrievers named Boo and Hunter

Ohio Rep. Dennis Kucinich (Democrat): Harry the Beagle-Basset, Lucie the Beagle and George the Cocker Spaniel, all of whom were rescued from animal shelters

Arizona Sen. John McCain (Republican): Sam the English Springer Spaniel, Coco the mutt, turtles Cuff and Link, Oreo the black-and-white cat, a ferret, three parakeets and 13 saltwater fish

Illinois Sen. Barack Obama (Democrat): none

New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson (Democrat): two cats, Jake and Squeaky

Former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney (Republican): family recently lost Marley, a Weimaraner

Colorado Rep. Tom Tancredo (Republican): none