

Top pet names from around the world

It's official; Buddy and Lucy were ranked as the most popular U.S. dog and cat names for 2008. For the past couple of years Max has earned the number one spot for top dog, but this year second place "Buddy" jumped to the head of the list.

The trend to name our pets with "people names" still holds strong and here is the official top 10 list:

DOG	CAT
Buddy	Lucy
Max	Molly
Daisy	Oreo
Jack	Kitten
Lucy	Smokey
Molly	Princess
Charlie	Shadow
Sadie	Tigger
Jake	Angel
Lucky	Missy

Have you ever wondered how the favorite pet names in the U.S. compare to the most popular cat and dog names around the world? Here's a list from the U.K., Australia and Japan.

In Scotland and the U.K. the top dog names are:

DOG	CAT
Max	Charlie
Holly	Molly
Ben	Oscar
Sam	Cleo
Lucy	Jasper
Jake	Tigger

Australian's like the names: Max, Jessie, Molly, Sam and Jack for dogs. And they prefer to call their felines: Oscar, Max, Tiger, Sam and Misty.

And in Japan the top two dog names are: Choco and Marron while cats are most often called, Momo and Leo. It is interesting that the Japanese names are a combination of human names and food. Momo means peach, but it is also used as a nickname for young girls. Choco is a popular chocolate cookie dessert and Marron is the name of a character from an animated series called, Dragon Ball.

It is interesting to see the similarities and differences worldwide when it comes to naming our cats and dogs. Do you have a pet with a popular name from another country?