



Cats Have Staff and Dogs Have Family
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Have you ever heard someone refer to themselves as a cat person or a dog person? One of my best friends in San Diego once asserted that, "Cats have staff and dogs have family." She is a cat person and I am a dog person. Although, I actually do love all God's little critters. The more the merrier as far as I am concerned. Anyway, we started distinguishing what were the differences between cats and cat people versus dogs and dog people. Here is what we came up with.

Cats seem to be more independent and a bit more aloof than dogs. Cat people like that cats don't need them as much as dogs do for daily care as well as affection. Cats can be left alone for a couple of days with plenty of food and water and they are fine. Cats also like to come to you and do it in their own sweet time. They own you rather than the other way around. They will decide whether or not you are worthy of their time, attention and energy. It is up to them or they simply are not available. They just hide out or watch from on high in a place that we can't get to. They are the ones who establish the boundaries and the rules and how things are going to go. They decide whether or not they like you. Cat people like this because they have more freedom and less responsibility and time invested in taking care of their cats. They also seem to enjoy being chosen when their cat does decide to bless them with their presence. And, they seem to get a kick out of a cat who demands attention by plopping down on top of the paper or book you are reading when they are ready to be the center of attention.

Not so with dogs. Let's face it, cats look down their noses at dogs. Cats, after all, have class and style, grace and dignity. Dogs are so, well, needy and seem to place themselves beneath