

Presidential Candidates' Dogs, Cats, and More

Of the U.S. presidential candidates, Sen. John McCain has the most pets with 22 furry, feathered, and fishy friends.

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If U.S. presidential candidates were elected based on how many pets they have, then Arizona Sen. John McCain would have the 2008 election in his pocket.

In a recent interview with the Associated Press, 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 home and McCain had far more than any other candidate.

The second-highest tally was that of Kansas Sen. Sam Brownback, who, like McCain, is a Republican. Brownback said he has five pets in his home: two dogs, two cats, and a fish.

The complete list of presidential candidates' pets includes: 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 due to family's allergies, but 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 one-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 mixed breed; 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.