

So, is it True that Dogs Are Smarter than Cats?

There's a study that may finally settle it once and for all.

U.S. researchers have assessed a list of different types of animals to determine how many neurons are available in their cerebral cortex, also known as the cerebrum, the largest part of the brain. It is located under the forehead, divided into two parts with a right and left hemisphere.

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U.S. researchers determined how many neurons dogs, cats, and other animals have in their cerebral cortex, which is the part of the brain associated with thinking, planning and other complex behaviors, the *Daily Mail* newspaper in the U.K. reported.

The number of cortical neurons determines intelligence, the Vanderbilt team said. The results found that dogs have about 530 million cortical neurons while cats have about 250 million.

While researching they found that one of the most intelligent animals is the raccoon. Even though their brain is the same size as a cat, their cortical neuron density relates to that of a dog, the *Daily Mail* reported.

If you're curious about a human's cortical density, we have about 16 billion...give or take.