

# Pet names inspired by 1990s pop culture become popular

## Vocabulary Match

inspired ● pop culture ● trending ● adventure-style ● influenced ● survey ●

● questionnaire ● affected ● outdoor ● becoming popular ● modern media ● motivated

## Article

A new survey in the United States shows that many people are choosing pet names inspired by 1990s films, music and pop culture. This year, names like Forrest Gump, Willie Wonka and Jack Sparrow became surprisingly popular. Two of the fastest-growing names for female puppies were Tsuki and Rumi, which both saw a big jump in use.

Cute food names were also trending. Cats were called Pickle, Cocoa and even Tater. In the western states, people preferred adventure-style names such as Aspen, Ranger and Bandit.

Rover, the company behind the survey, believes next year will bring even more entertainment-inspired names from new movies, K-pop and other pop culture trends.

## Quiz

1. What kind of names are many people in the US choosing for their pets?
2. Which two names for female puppies became popular?
3. What are some cute food names mentioned for cats?
4. What types of names do people in the western states prefer?

## Conversation

- A: Did you hear about the new pet name trends?  
B: Yeah, I heard Forrest Gump is quite popular now!  
A: Can you imagine calling your dog Jack Sparrow?  
B: Haha, I think Tater is a funny name for a cat.  
A: True! I also saw people using Japanese names like Tsuki.  
B: Yeah, and Rumi is getting popular too - very cute!

## Discussion

1. Do you or a someone you know have a pet? What's its name?
2. Do you prefer cute names, funny names or cool names for pets? Why?
3. Can you think of pet names that describe personality or appearance?
4. Think of a pet name for each category: sport, music, food, travel, TV, video games, politics.
5. Have you ever given a name to your car, bike or AI chatbot?