



## Compare-Contrast Texts

### Dogs vs. Cows

#### Part to Part

#### Introductory Information

The text below describes some important things about dogs and cows. There are some things that are the same between them and other things that are different.

#### Passage

Both dogs and cows are mammals that are widely known. There are more than 200 breeds of dogs and of cows around the world. Both dogs and cows have been bred by people for thousands of years to do work. While dogs have also been bred to be friends for humans, cows have been bred for their milk and meat. Because dogs are smart and friendly, they are very popular with people. On the other hand, cows are friendly with other cows but not humans. They are not known for being friends for people or being smart or able to learn new ways to behave.

Dogs and cows are different in terms of size. Dogs vary from very small to quite large. Tiny dogs, such as the Chihuahua, may be less than 6 inches tall and weigh less than 6 pounds. Large breeds, such as the Mastiff, may be more than 30 inches tall at the shoulder and weigh up to 200 pounds. On the other hand, adult cows are all mostly large animals. They can weigh 1000 pounds or more and are about 4 feet tall at the shoulder.

Cows tend to be too large to be kept in houses with their owners. They spend all their lives either outdoors or in special buildings, such as barns. Although many dogs like to be outdoors, even the biggest ones often live indoors with their owners.

Another difference between dogs and cows is the food they eat and the waste they produce. The amount that dogs eat depends on their size and how much exercise they get. Cleaning up and getting rid of dog waste is a problem that all dog owners must deal with. Cows must eat as much as 30-35 pounds of food every day. Because they are large animals, cows produce a lot of waste. However, scientists have learned how to use certain bacteria on cow manure to make a kind of gas that can be used as a source of energy.

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# **Dogs vs. Cows**

## **Whole to Whole**

### **Introductory Information**

The texts below describe some important things about dogs and cows. There are some things that are the same between them and other things that are different.

### **Dogs**

Dogs are mammals that people everywhere know. There are more than 200 breeds of dogs around the world. Dogs have been bred by people for thousands of years to do work and be friends for humans. Because dogs are smart and friendly, they are very popular with people. As a result, they have earned the name "man's best friend." Most dogs are able to learn many simple tricks.

Dogs vary in size from very small to quite large. Tiny dogs, such as the Chihuahua, may be less than 6 inches tall and weigh less than 6 pounds. Large breeds, such as the Mastiff, may be more than 30 inches tall at the shoulder and weigh up to 200 pounds. Many dogs like to be outdoors. However, even the biggest dogs often live indoors with their owners.

The amount that dogs eat depends on their size and how much exercise they get. Cleaning up and getting rid of dog waste is a problem that all dog owners must deal with.

### **Cows**

Cows are mammals that are widely known. There are more than 200 breeds of cows around the world. Cows have been bred by people for thousands of years for doing hard work and for their milk and meat. Although cows are friendly with other cows, they are not known to be friends for people. Nor are they known for being smart or able to learn new ways of behaving.

Adult cows are all mostly large animals. They can weigh 1000 pounds or more and are about 4 feet tall at the shoulder. Cows tend to be too large to be kept in houses with their owners. They spend all their lives either outdoors or in special buildings, such as barns.

Cows must eat as much as 30-35 pounds of food every day. Because they are large animals, cows produce a lot of waste. However, scientists have learned how to use certain bacteria on cow manure to make a gas that can be used as a source of energy.

## Chart of Attributes

### Dogs vs. Cows

Attributes	Dogs	Cows
Animal class		
Number of breeds		
Relation of the animal to people		
Size (weight and height)		
Where they live		
How much they eat		
Problems with waste		
How they can help people		

Attributes	Dogs	Cows
Animal class	Mammals	Mammals
Number of breeds	More than 200	More than 200
Relation of the animal to people	Do work, be friends for people, “man’s best friend”	Do hard work, produce milk and meat, not friends for people
Size (weight and height)	Range from very small to quite large, e.g., from less than 6” tall and less than 6 lbs. to more than 30” tall at shoulder and up to 200 lbs.	Mostly large, e.g. 1000 lbs. or more and 4 feet tall at shoulder
Where they live	Many like to be outdoors, but they often live indoors with their owners.	Live outdoors or in special buildings, e.g. barns
How much they eat	Depends on their size and how much exercise they get	As much as 30-35 lbs. every day
Problems with waste	Getting rid of waste	Produce large amount of waste
How they can help people	Do work, be friends for people, can learn tricks and other new ways to behave	Do hard work, produce milk and meat; their waste may be useful as a source of energy