

Things that make you say, “Awww!”

Cute! celebrates and explores all things adorable and answers important questions like:

- * Is being cute a super-power?
- * Why are bulldogs cute?
- * Is pink actually a boy’s color?
- * Where is the world capital of cuteness?
- * What animals are in the Cuteness Hall of Fame?

Funny and kid friendly, **Cute!** is sprinkled with sweet surprises and fun facts. It even has a “Cuteness Checklist” for scoring the adorability of ANYTHING. (Including your little brother!)



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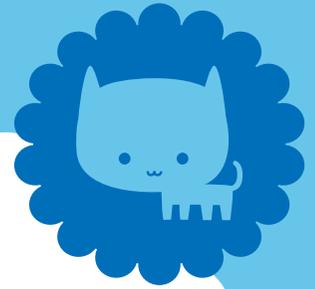
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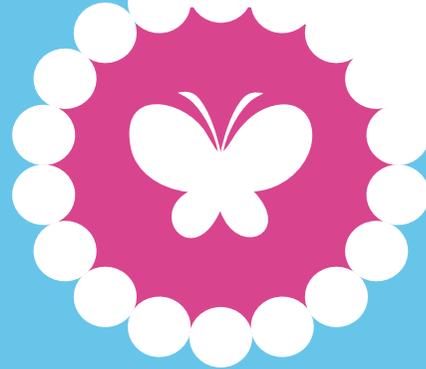


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A guide to all things adorable



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Animals!

Animals are cute. And baby animals are SO cute, they have magic powers! See, I was just looking at a picture from Africa of a cute baby antelope, and the little antelope was trapped by a group of cheetahs!

Wait, stop crying—The cheetahs were *nuzzling* and *licking* the little baby antelope. Aww!

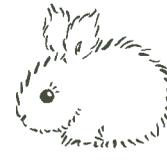
It turned out that the cheetahs caught the baby antelope just so they could admire its cuteness. Then the baby antelope started nuzzling the big cats back! How sweet is that? Let's try to calculate it:



Cute animal + scary predator licking its face = Cuteness INFINITY ¹

I call this “the Lion and the Lamb” rule of cuteness. But what was it about the antelope that the cheetahs liked so much? Well, here's ONE thing:

¹ Of course, it helped that the cheetahs weren't hungry.



* Furball *



* Fuzzball *



* Snowball *

Cute Quality: *Fuzzy Furriness!*

Fuzzy-furry animals are cute. That's because they're fun to cuddle with! Even though most mammals have fur, they don't get to hog ALL the fuzz. Birds with downy feathers, like the Kiwi bird, are cute too. And baby penguins are REALLY cute.

Of all the eligible animals, which one has the most adorable, cuddly fur? Give up? It's the chinchilla! Once you touch this small South American animal's fur, you're going to need dial 911 for a “cuddling emergency”!

❖ **Fun Fact Fruits vs. Vegetables!** — Not many vegetables are fuzzy, but Kiwi fruits and peaches prove there are cute fruits!

It's not just the way animals look that makes them cute. Their behavior is also important. For example, hedgehogs are REALLY cute. They're small and round and harmless and furry. But hedgehogs would be even cuter if they would just SHARE the hedges and stop *hogging* them.

So the way a human or animal acts can affect its cuteness. Toddlers are usually innocent and cute, but if you've ever seen one act badly, you probably didn't think she was cute anymore.

The Cuteness Courtroom

Case: Is it cute to dress up animals?

Judge Duckling: Will the defense go first?

Pug (rising): Your Honor, I argue that it IS cute to play dress-up with animals. As you can see, my owner dressed me in a pink tutu. How cute is that?

Cat: Objection! Look at the pug's face. Anyone can see how SAD he is to be wearing that silly dress.

Judge: Yes, he looks very sad. (Giggles) He's a sad little pug in a pink tutu! (Giggles harder)

Pug: It's true. I am a little sad to be wearing this tutu.

Cat: If letting your owner dress you up makes you sad, why do you let her do it?

Pug: To make her happy! When I look sad in this tutu, it just makes me even cuter! (Cat looks confused)

Judge Duckling: I am ready to make a ruling: If the pet doesn't MIND being dressed up, the results are CUTE. But if the pet resists the outfit, it is NOT cute and should not be attempted.

Cat (whispering to Pug): Why would you try to make your owner happy?