

Animal and Pet Cloning Opinion Polls

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Americans strongly disapprove of pet cloning:

Pet Cloning Poll Summary

Poll	Date	Approve	Disapprove	Other
ORC	Feb 2004	13	80	7
Fox	Feb 2002	12	84	4
Fox	Apr 2001	16	79	5

The [Opinion Research Corporation \(ORC\) poll summary](#) [PDF] was prepared for the American Anti-Vivisection Society, and contains fairly detailed demographic breakdowns. It is the only available poll that specifically addresses the issue of genetically modified (as distinguished from cloned) pets, and shows that this is even more unpopular, with 84% opposing it and only 12% approving it.

The [Fox polls](#) asked about cloning "a pet dog or cat." The same polls also asked about cloning endangered species and livestock, with somewhat less dramatic (but overall similar and consistent) results:

Cloning...	Date	Approve	Disapprove	Other
Endangered species	Feb 2002	29	64	7
Endangered species	Apr 2001	32	61	7
Livestock	Feb 2002	23	71	6
Livestock	Apr 2001	27	66	7

Animal cloning in general is unpopular, as the following summary shows. The 2002-4 Gallup polls, and a 1997 Time/CNN poll, asked whether animal cloning was "morally acceptable" or "morally wrong." The 2001 Gallup poll asked whether it "should or should not be allowed." The ABC asked if it should be "legal" or "illegal." The 2001 Time/CNN poll asked if it was "a good idea or a bad idea."

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Poll	Date	Approve	Disapprove	Other
Gallup	May 2004	32	64	4
Gallup	May 2003	29	68	3
Gallup	May 2002	29	66	5
ABC	Aug 2001	37	59	4
Gallup	May 2001	32	64	4
Time/CNN	Feb 2001	29	67	4
Time/CNN	Feb 1997	28	66	6

There are, however, some demographic groups that tend to support animal cloning for research purposes, though not as pets. According to the 2001 Gallup and ABC polls, these include those with postgraduate education and those earning above \$75,000. Religious people tended to be more opposed than the non-religious. There was also a substantial gender gap, with women strongly opposed to animal cloning (71-25 % in the ABC poll, 74% opposed in the Gallup), and men almost evenly split.

The ORC data on cloning companion animals also shows a gender difference, but notably smaller: 86% of women oppose pet cloning, as do 74% of men. On allowing companies to genetically engineer pets, opposition is even higher - 89% of women and 78% of men oppose this, as do over 80% of people in every age bracket and with every level of educational attainment.