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## The truth about cats & dogs

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Pets, some people say, often mirror their owners' traits.  
So the proliferation of dogs named O.J. and the popularity of the name Killer suggest a rather demented culture.

But often it's better to draw your own conclusions.

With that in mind, The Daily Tar Heel presents a censuslike examination of the 13,809 dogs and a few of their feline rivals licensed with Orange County Animal Control in 1996.

The Labrador retriever ranks as the most popular breed in the county, which comes as no surprise to Ken Redman, a veterinarian at Vine Veterinary Hospital on Franklin Street.

"Labs are congenial and have great personalities for a big dog," Redman said.

"They're good for singles and families, so it's no surprise they're popular."

The second most popular breed is the beagle, but its popularity is skewed by hunters who often own a dozen or two to track rabbits and other game. Then come poodles, German shepherds, chows, golden retrievers and Rottweilers.

Popularity, unfortunately, often leads to line breeding — a form of inbreeding that uses distant relatives — which weakens the gene pool.

"Once a dog becomes popular, five to 10 years later we see the breed start to go down-

hill," Redman said. "We see a lot more early deaths, testy dispositions and cancers. We saw it in cockers and shepherds, and we'll probably see it in labs."

Redman's advice: Go to the animal shelter and pick a mutt.

"Good genes and very little inbreeding at the pound," he said.

### Playing the name game

Orange County residents name their dogs everything from the bland (Joe), to the heavenly (Angel), to the obvious (Dawg).

The most common dog name is Max, with 133 cases.

Maxs take many forms, from pointers, to spaniels, to lhasa apsos and, while predominantly male, come in both sexes.

Following Max in order of popularity sit Maggie, Lady, Bear, Molly, Ginger, Sandy, Sam, Brandy, Lucy and Pepper.

The Thurber family of Chapel Hill not only owns a dog named Max, but a cat named Tiger, the most popular name for the county's feline faction.

"I guess we're just a totally noninventive family when it comes to names," Arthur Thurber said.

Thurber guaranteed that his children were not named Jennifer and Michael, the most common kids' names in the nation.

The Thurbers' Max weighs in at a scanty 14 pounds, but that hasn't stopped him from getting into mischief.

"He thinks he's a killer despite his size," Thurber said. "He once dragged in a squirrel tail. But I couldn't tell whether it was attached to a squirrel when he picked it up."

### Celebrity connection

The flip side to the ubiquitous Max and Tiger is the bulldog named Toe Nail, the spicy miniature schnauzer Tabasco or the musical mutt Zydeco. One owner named his magical basset hound Abracadabra and another owner named her teetering kitty Tri-pawed.

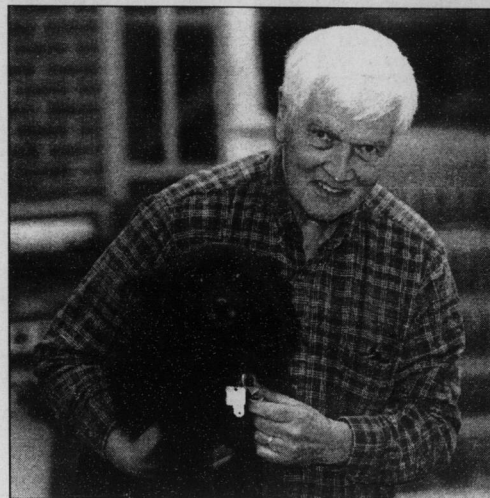
The Tucker family, Orange County residents since 1970, have owned a multitude of pets. But with three older sisters dominating the moniker department, Scott Tucker never had the opportunity to name any.

When his time finally came, Scott, a rabid Michael Jordan fan, knew exactly what it would be.

"We got (the cat) the weekend (the Chicago) Bulls won their third title," said Eleanor Tucker, Scott's mother. "So naturally he named him 3-peat."

Eleanor Tucker said the yellow tabby possesses some Jordan-esque qualities.

"When he was young, 3-peat thought



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Chapel Hill resident Arthur Thurber holds Max, the family dog. Max is the most popular dog name in Orange County.

he was a squirrel and would fly from tree to tree," she said. "A little like Michael Jordan, I guess."

"Maybe Scott, with his choice of names, willed it on him."

The county hosts several obvious combinations as well. Two boxers named Rocky and three collies named Lassie struggle for unique identities.

Like three other owners, Marie Bugge named her beagle Snoopy.

"Beagles are always snooping around, so why not name them Snoopy," said Bugge, a Hillsborough resident. "They're constantly in motion, wandering everywhere sniffing for clues."

This peripatetic nature exhausts Bugge's plump, 6-year-old pure breed, as it does the famous comic strip character.

"He loves to sleep, but I haven't seen him dozing on the dog-house roof, yet," she said.

### The showdown

The county also hosts 67 sweet smelling Daisies, 45 tricksters named Bandit, 33 smart alecks named Sassy, 18 Gizmos, 15 Troubles, two poodles named Déja Vu and two more named Ditto.

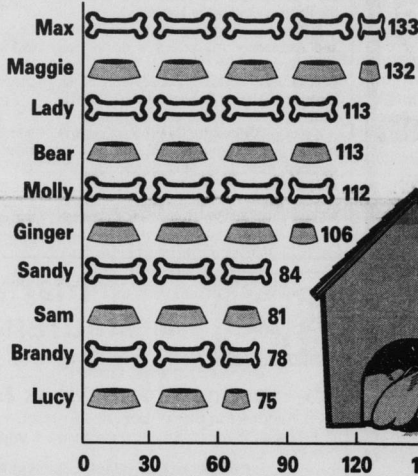
Fifteen Rambos and 15 Sissies also roam about the county.

Brenda Gale Williams said her 15-pound cockapoo has few Rambolike characteristics, but

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### And Max was his name-o

The top 10 dog names in Orange County are more than just Spot and Rover.



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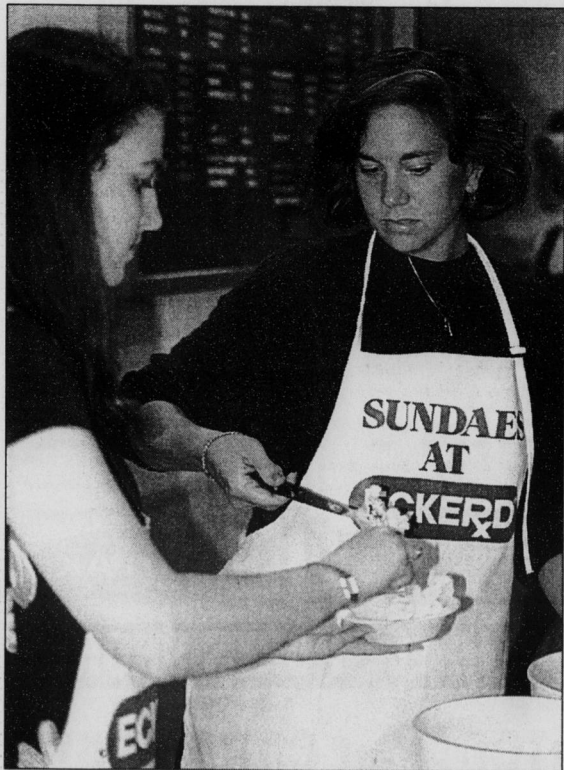
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### And they call it puppy love

For more information about licensing or adopting a pet call:

Orange County Animal Control  
967-9257 ext. 2075  
Orange County Animal Shelter  
967-7382

### SWEET TOOTH?



DTH/JOHN DEKRA

Karen Hutchins (right) and Brenda Klark from Eckerd Drugs serve ice cream sundaes to students at the School of Pharmacy to celebrate National Chocolate Week. Chocolate, used in the pharmaceutical industry, contains phenols that may reduce "bad" cholesterol.

## Trustees delay renewal of lease for office space

BY KAREN JOYCE  
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Keeping the safety of students and faculty in mind, the Board of Trustees Finance and Business Committee delayed renewing the lease of Franklin Street office space.

The committee cited the need for various improvements in the 14,739 square foot office space in the NationsBank Plaza on Franklin Street.

The space, which houses the School of Public Health's Collaborative Studies Coordinating Center, is located in suites 203 and 400 in the plaza.

One of the committee's concerns was the safety of the building for the faculty and students.

"We would go (to the plaza) at night, and I guess because of break-ins (in the

offices), the elevators would be off," BOT Secretary Anne Cates said.

"We had to walk up stairs, and they were really very scary at night."

Cates said her concern was for the safety of the students and faculty working in the building.

"I just want (the students and faculty) to have a better place to work," Cates said.

The lease, which costs the University \$14.60 per square foot, is scheduled to expire June 30.

Property officer Mike Beery said he believed the problem would be resolved by then.

"I think we will work out a solution," Beery said.

"I'm optimistic because we do lease a

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## 50 additional tickets available

STAFF REPORT

Fifty more University students will now have an opportunity to cheer on the men's basketball team this weekend in Indianapolis.

The University received 50 additional ticket vouchers Tuesday for the NCAA Final Four games.

The vouchers will be available to students on a first-come, first-serve basis at the Smith Center Ticket Office beginning today at noon.

UNC will face Arizona in the NCAA

tournament semifinal at 5:42 p.m. on Saturday.

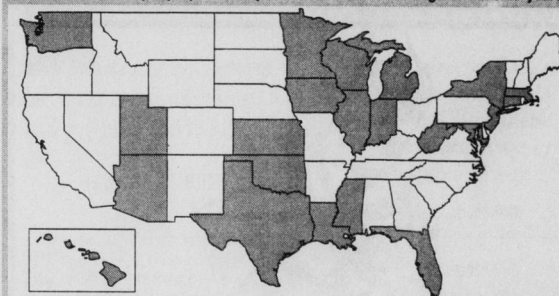
Originally, the NCAA had allotted 350 student ticket vouchers to the University, 30 of which were given to members of the pep band.

The first 320 vouchers went on sale Tuesday morning to students who had been camping out since Monday.

The vouchers for the Final Four tickets cost \$100, and students will exchange their vouchers for the actual tickets in Indianapolis.

### Sending smoke signals

The states shaded in gray agreed to the settlement of a lawsuit about smoker addiction and injury claims with Liggett Tobacco Co. The settlement awards 25 percent of the company's pre-taxed profits to the states during the next 25 years.



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## Officials maintain support for N.C. tobacco industry

BY JONATHAN COX  
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N.C. officials will continue to protect the tobacco industry after the Durham-based tobacco manufacturer Liggett Group Inc. settled a lawsuit with 22 states last week.

"North Carolina's position on tobacco stands," said Kim Brooks, spokeswoman for Gov. Jim Hunt. "Tobacco is a very important crop in North Carolina. It supports thousands of families in the state."

Aaron Martin, executive director of farm services in Johnston County, said that while tobacco farmers faced tough times, he did not think the Liggett deci-

sion would further affect the industry.

"The overall trend has been tough on the tobacco farmer," Martin said. "Liggett is a very small part of the tobacco situation in North Carolina."

But, this "small part" affected stock trading after the announcement. Phillip Morris fell by 6 percent and R.J. Reynolds fell by 2 percent while Liggett gained 12 percent.

According to the settlement, the company will place labels on cigarette packages warning buyers that smoking can cause cancer and that nicotine is addictive. The company also agreed to work with states suing other tobacco manu-

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*It is better to deserve honors and not have them than to have them and not deserve them.*

Mark Twain