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Cats vs dogs: Scientists confirm that felines are better... from an evolutionary perspective

It's the debate that has long divided animal lovers. Now scientists have confirmed that cats really are better than dogs – at least from an evolutionary perspective.

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A groundbreaking study of 2,000 ancient fossils reveals that felids – the cat family – have historically been much better at surviving than the "canid" dog clan, and often at the latter’s expense.

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The research finds that cats have played a significant role in making 40 dog species extinct, outcompeting them for scarce food supplies because they are generally more effective hunters. But researchers found no evidence that dogs have wiped out a single cat species.

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means they don’t wear them out and they can keep them sharp. But the dogs can't do this, so they are at a disadvantage to the cats in an ambush situation.”

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The evolutionary success of carnivorous animals is strongly linked to their ability to obtain food, meaning that there can be significant competition for prey when there is insufficient supply for the population.

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"Felids must have been more efficient predators than most of the extinct species in the dog family," the report concluded.

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Vocabulary

felid?????

canid?????

clan???

carnivore?????

influx?(????)????

retractable???????????

prey???

ambush???

predator????

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