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(S.D./Wyo.)-States Rank Third, 10th In National Pet Ownership

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CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) - South Dakota and Wyoming rank in the top 10 in the percentage of households with a pet.

The American Veterinary Medical Association recently released its U.S. Pet Ownership & Demographics Sourcebook. South Dakota ranks third, and Wyoming comes in at No. 10 with 61.8 percent of households owning a pet.

In 2006, which was the last time the AVMA put together the sourcebook, Wyoming ranked fourth with 70.3 percent of households owning a pet.

The survey is conducted by the AVMA every five years.

Vermont is No. 1, followed by New Mexico, South Dakota, Oregon, Maine, Washington, Arkansas, West Virginia, Idaho and then Wyoming.

Rhode Island has the fewest households with a pet.