WeRateDogs, what is it?

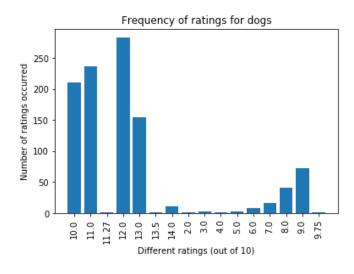
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We live in a world of technology, with millions and millions of users on any social media platform, Instagram, Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat, etc. Through these social media platforms, we share everything, anything from very personal things like our daily lives, to funny memes and cute dog posts. Cute dog posts are everywhere on the internet because let's be honest, who doesn't like dogs? Dogs are a man's best friend, and if we see anything cute, like dogs, we want to share it to the world. That, my friends, is exactly what *WeRateDogs* is.

WeRateDogs is a Twitter archive that I investigated which just had tons and tons of cute dogs pictures and introductions for them. With the help of Udacity, I was able to get access to the Twitter archives for WeRateDogs and was able to investigate around the archive. Using the Twitter API for the fullest, I found some pretty funny and interesting insights to the posts in this archive.

WeRateDogs has an "introduction" for each dog, which can reveal what "stage" a dog in the post is at. These stages range from doggo to pupper to puppo to floof/floofer. Looking through the archive, I was able to find out that pupper was the most common stage that a dog was at in this archive of posts, meaning that the most common stage of a dog you would see is considered a "small doggo, but younger" (The Dogtionary).

Another interesting feature of *WeRateDogs* is the unique rating system that they have, as ratings can go beyond a 10/10 for a dog. After analyzing the archive, I figured out that a 12/10 was the most frequently occurring rating for a dog.



Some more small but fun insights included things like the most common name for dogs, which happened to be Charlie and Cooper. Also, the golden retriever was perceived to be the most frequently occurring breed of dog in this archive. Finally, another cool feature that was implemented by Udacity was that they had set up a visual detector of what breed of dog the dog in the posts were. The confidence levels of these predictions ran from as low as 4.4% to 99.99%, with the mean confidence level of prediction being around 62%.

Overall, *WeRateDogs* is a very interesting archive of cute dog posts, so if you ever have some down time and you just want to smile at pictures of cute dogs/puppies, you should definitely check out *WeRateDogs*.