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There are many mysteries in this world. What happened to DB Cooper? Who was Jack The Ripper? Why do they call it oven when you of in the cold food of out hot eat the food? But none as gripping as how does CatDog poop? I watched every episode and in this video, I will give you that answer. **Because I also like overthinking small inconsequential details in shows aimed for kids. I'm nearly 40.**

[Given this a mysterious vibe, cross fading images on top of each other kind of thing, like it's the start of a documentary / Cooper: https://apuedge.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/DB-Cooper_WantedPoster_EK-1.jpg / Ripper: <https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/a/a1/JacktheRipper1888.jpg> / Oven: Just the comic image: <https://preview.redd.it/v8k26qsh741.jpg?auto=webp&s=d849771afe3f5332be622290221acfb287871783>]

[Intro]

Launching in 1998 CatDog is an animated show about a cat named Cat and a dog named Dog who are joined in the middle, conjoined together as unlikely brothers, hijinks ensue.

[CatDog01.mp4 19:35 - "two heads are more than one"]

But as we're looking at a two headed creature with no butt, inevitably we will wonder, how can they poop?

[Simpsons.mp4 / <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cps4ds22VU> 0:18 "In CatDog, when the cat poops, does it come out the dog's mouth?" / B99.mp4 "How do they defecate" "It's a kids book!" / <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mVTiqzPTWE> "How do we go to the bathroom?"]

Nickelodeon themselves released a video in 2016 addressing this and brings up three potential theories.

Regurgitation - what goes in one side, comes out the other

Zero waste - there is no poop, it's all broken down internally

Or Independent Holes - they each have their own way of pooping

Title cards from here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VOHeE6qv5KU>

So let's discuss each theory with the evidence presented in the show itself and finally solve this mystery.

[CatDog07.mp4 2:29:10 - "Cat, I thought we were going to keep that a secret forever!"]

REGURGITATION

In the intro sequence Cat licks his fur which causes Dog to spit out a furball. So this would make CatDog basically a walking tube and this is definitely used as a recurring gag.

[CatDog03.mp4 2:34:00 - camera flies through internals of catdog]

Dog drinks water, Cat spits it out like a water hose.

Cat swallows malt balls, Dog fires them out like pellets.

The way they climb this rope. I hate that a lot.

[CatDog02.mp4 1:20:27 - Dog drinks, Cat spits]

[CatDog09.mp4 10:00 - Cat swallows malt balls which Dog fires out of his nostrils like pellets]

[CatDog04.mp4 1:43:15 - climbing rope by having it... through them]

They've swallowed and regurgitated things alive.

[CatDog07.mp4 2:23:50 - zoologist travels through catdog's body]

CatDog03.mp4 19:15 - Cat swallow's Winslow to send to Dog

CatDog07.mp4 1:26:40 - dog eating stuff - cat spits up an entire person]

They've even swallowed themselves.

[CatDog04.mp4 15:15 - "hey catdog... never mind"]

This is from the episode Fishing for Trouble. Cat has eaten Dog's pet fish and climbs inside Dog to retrieve it. So if their body is tube-like, couldn't Cat have waited for Dog to spit the fish out? In fact, while inside himself, Cat gives up the search saying:

[CatDog04.mp4 16:03 - "oh what's the use, she's probably fully digested by now"]

So they do digest their food otherwise they'd be regurgitating everything that goes through them, which would be the only thing in this show that doesn't make sense.

[CatDog06 2:41:50 - dog eats fruits cat spits them out, they go round in circular fashion]

[CatDog01.mp4 3:45 - dog eats so fast "you're giving me the hiccups!"]

There's a few occasions where Dog would eat something spicy like red hot chillies which causes Cat to spew out fire [1]. One episode in fact centres on their ability to do this [2]. Which sounds like the tube theory at work, passing from one half to the other [3], except this must mean the food was digested. We get a look at their insides and can see the digestion at work [4]. And this applies to eating soap/spitting out bubbles, eating cake/spitting out candles and in one instance where Dog became a vampire, eating garlic directly affects him. So they must be able to actually eat or they'd either always or never feel hungry.

[1 CatDog07.mp4 11:26 - dog eats chilli, cat spews fire]

[2 CatDog05.mp4 1:04:00 - chilli cause cat fire breath]

[3 CatDog05.mp4 30:00 - cat eating red hot food passes it to dog to spew fire like laser gun]

[4 CatDog05.mp4 1:03:21 - cross section of body to reveal stomach]

CatDog06.mp4 2:53:00 - dog eats soap, cat spits out bubbles

CatDog07.mp4 1:25:10 - dog swallow cake, cat spits up candles

CatDog09.mp4 2:11:20 - cat eats garlic, sending it to dog which effects his vampirism

CatDog01.mp4 36:40 - dog is hungry

There's many instances of over-eating leading to weight gain.

Sometimes when Dog eats, they both gain weight.

Sometimes when Dog eats, only he gains weight.

And on rare occasions when Dog eats, only Cat gains weight.

But it must mean the food stays in them, right? Otherwise it would just fall out again.

CatDog01.mp4 22:50 - both fat, full of mexican food

CatDog03.mp4 1:20:30 - dog fat, cat not

CatDog04.mp4 1:32:40 - dog eats but cat get fat

CatDog04.mp4 11:30 - "you know how junk food effects our insides"

I think while they have the ability to allow things to go in one side and out the other if they want to, [1] they also can just consume food normally. Well, normal for them. So maybe the question isn't HOW CatDog poops, but DOES CatDog poop at all?

[1 CatDog07.mp4 1:55:30 - dog writes note, cat spits it up]

[Spon to go here]

ZERO WASTE

In cartoons we generally don't see characters like Bugs Bunny or Mickey Mouse pooping. And there's plenty of instances where the cartoon logic of the show skews away from heavy realism. [1] So the question is: Does poop even exist?

[CatDog06.mp4 2:08:19 - "haha, poop is funny"]

What if in this universe where a cat and a dog can become conjoined twins and not instantly die, they also exist in a universe where poop doesn't even happen. Basically does ANYTHING in CatDog's world poop?

[1 CatDog06.mp4 14:50 - sun pulls the moon away / CatDog01.mp4 21:10 - can do impossible things like climb out of light bulb / CatDog01.mp4 2:32:10 - car waterfall / CatDog05.mp4 52:30- impossible physics hiding behind lamp post]

There are sewers, rest stops and toilets. [1] There's also litter trays for the cat characters and fire hydrants for the dogs. [2] But that may just be limited to pee, which we'll get back to. What if there's still no poop? Well, there's this parrot is seen pooping, there's bags of manure and sometimes things: [3]

[1 CatDog01.mp4 5:20 - sewers exist / CatDog01.mp4 42:25 - rest stop named after them / CatDog05.mp4 53:00 - emerge out of toilet]

[2 Litter Tray: CatDog02.mp4 1:48:44 - Cat's stinky litter tray / CatDog06.mp4 1:12:05 - ancient litter tray / CatDog10.mp4 51:50 - massive litter tray catapult]

Hydrant: CatDog03.mp4 59:30 - dog sniffs hydrant / CatDog06.mp4 2:35:10 - winslows leaves hydrant via door like public toilet / CatDog07.mp4 9:20 - cat bites down on hydrant, dog acts like hose / End with this:

CatDog03.mp4 59:48 - "once a dog puts his special scent on a hydrant, no one else can use it"

[3 Parrot: CatDog10.mp4 2:58 - a parrot poops]

Manure: CatDog06.mp4 13:40 - manure!!

End with CatDog06.mp4 14:15 - "smells like dookie"

Obviously they're limited to how much they can actually truly show but it at least confirms the presence of poop in the CatDog universe. But what about CatDog themselves?

[CatDog04.mp4 52:50 - "We're just an ordinary two headed cat dog"]

After all, despite having ancestors throughout history, [1] they are a unique species. [2] Maybe they are the exception to the rule. Maybe there's a black hole in their stomach and everything they consume just disappears without any waste. [3]

[1 CatDog09.mp4 36:00 - pirate ancestors / CatDog03.mp4 2:02:40 - implied catdogs have existed through history / CatDog06.mp4 26:20 - historic catdogs]

[2 CatDog06.mp4 2:36:00 - "we're the only two headed creature on the planet"]

[3 CatDog09.mp4 1:13:10 - "because we're disappearing!" - and then they do from the middle out]

In The Golden Hydrant, they find the holy grail for dogs, and despite its value, Dog is desperate to pee on it.

[CatDog08.mp4 13:40 "the golden hydrant is legendary, people will pay a fortune to see it, and you want to whizz on it?"]

Note the way Dog cocks his front leg in order to pee. CatDog must produce waste of some kind to even be able to produce urine. Also, does this mean they pee out of their armpits?

[CatDog06.mp4 48:20 - "It was not a fire hydrant, it was the dog catcher's leg"]

So we know they pee but do they poop? Maybe they just don't.

Face mites don't poop, they store waste in their intestines their entire lives until they die, which feels like that would be quite a burden, but given they only live for a few weeks, that isn't all that much baggage for them to carry.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YW2eGaUzq7E>

How CatDog's body even works at all is something of a mystery. Despite being shown to be connected at the spine, [0] they can still stretch and twist their body around. [1] But given they remain generally the same size, they're probably not storing it up inside them like a face mite. Maybe they expel waste in other ways like snot or shedding their fur. [2] Maybe like a

jellyfish, they poop out of their own mouths, [3] a subversion to the previous regurgitation theory. Or, indeed, this is obviously just a cartoon and they don't poop. It's hard to argue with that... unless. [4]

[0 CatDog06.mp4 1:42:10 - dog skeleton x-ray]

[1 CatDog03.mp4 13:25 - Body very stretched / CatDog05.mp4 8:15 - body all twisted up]

[2 CatDog05.mp4 1:22:50 - dog has snotty nose / CatDog01.mp4 1:14:40 - lift weight rips off fur]

[3 CatDog04.mp4 12:00 - cat coughs up hairball]

[4 CatDog05.mp4 56:30 - "it has to pass through our colon"]

They have a colon. And like my father always says, if it has a colon, it probably has a rectum! But where?

INDEPENDENT HOLES

CatDog's body seems pretty evenly divided, [1] the cat half and the dog half. [2] And despite being a hybrid they still act like a cat and a dog. Cat hates water and Dog loves chasing things. [3] Classic odd couple stuff. [4]

[1 CatDog02.mp4 1:43:28 - Dividing line across his body, Cat and Dog seem to 50/50 share body]

[2 CatDog03.mp4 19:50 - View of the midway point from the inside]

[3 CatDog05.mp4 58:20 - half bath (to avoid getting cats half wet) / CatDog01.mp4 4:20 chasing garbage truck]

[4 CatDog01.mp4 1:06:50 - "this isn't how we resolve our differences, but THIS IS" pulls out saw]

And unlike the tube-theory, there's instances where only one side is affected by something they ate.

[CatDog01.mp4 1:41:20 - cat vomits]

[CatDog06.mp4 2:15:40 - "sometimes he eats tacos and I get the, you know"]

For example, in the episode "Pumped", Dog becomes hooked on the taste of Choco-Muscle Protein Shake, which results in him gaining muscles, but not Cat.

[CatDog01.mp4 1:16:00 - dog drink muscle gain choccy stuff and now muscles but not cat]

There's also many occasions where Cat and Dog are shown to have individual internal organs. They obviously have individual brains, hearts and lungs. [1]

Cat can be pummelled and beaten up while Dog doesn't feel a thing.

Dog can become ill without it affecting Cat. [2]

They appear to be two separate individual bodies who only so happen to be connected in the middle. [3]

And it's even implied they have separate souls. [4]

[1 Brains: CatDog01.mp4 2:29:40 - compare brain sizes / Heart: CatDog05.mp4 42:30 - cat thumping heart /

Lungs: CatDog02.mp4 1:10 - demonstration of separate lungs]

[2 CatDog01.mp4 1:29:00 - cat beaten up feel pain dog not notice / CatDog03.mp4 55:40 - dog is sick, cat is fine]

[3 CatDog01.mp4 2:18:20 - "Dog! Dog! Where are you? Oh there you are"]

[4 CatDog05.mp4 37:00 - cats spare lives kept in bottles, and escape / CatDog07.mp4 1:42:27 - death (with dog still alive)]

So maybe they also each have a means to poop from within their respective half of the body. We already know they each have a means to pee.

[CatDog06.mp4 1:28:30 - cat somehow wet the bed "I told you that was a glass of lemonade"]

And this other dog character appears to sniff Dog's armpit in a similar fashion to how dogs in general sniff each others butts.

[CatDog01.mp4 52:10 - another dog sniffs dogs armpit instead of butt]

However, CatDog are shown to share some body parts. They shared a spleen at one point.

[CatDog02.mp4 1:45:40 - "Remember that time you donated our spleen to science" "please don't bring that up"]

In the episode "Teeth for Two", it's shown that the damage done to the teeth on one side actually affects the other.

[CatDog07.mp4 1:25:50 - things that hit dog's tooth effect cat's teeth instead]

So in more ways than one, they are connected together.

[CatDog05.mp4 48:50 - "but I have to go" "ah ah ah! I happen to know for a fact that you don't"]

We know they share a colon and it's confirmed multiple times they share a stomach.

[Catdog trivia book.mp4 1:27 "Sharing a stomach can sure be embarrassing"]

[CatDog03.mp4 41:48 - "you share a stomach, fascinating"]

Given that they share so much of their digestive system, it doesn't make much sense that it'll then divide itself up to independent holes. [1] So we now have to throw out every theory that Nickelodeon themselves have suggested. [2]

[1 Shots of their insides: CatDog S3E10.mp4 0:14 / CatDog04.mp4 15:35 - map of dogs innards]

And it was this that led to a breakthrough.

THE BUBBLE

My theory is that pooping for CatDog is a shared effort.

[CatDog08.mp4 1:33:17 - "We'll even show you how we go pottie"]

In "Sweet and Lola", we see CatDog finally use their litter tray and hydrant. They both breathe a heavy sigh of relief before being interrupted. [1] This could have been them just peeing given that dogs don't traditionally poop on a fire hydrant. But we've seen Dog cock his leg when going to pee, [2] and here both legs are down. A strong sign of pooping, but there was still no proof, until...

[CatDog07.mp4 2:28:55 - They USE the toilet]

[1 CatDog07.mp4 2:29:05 - "Chapter One, how Catdog go to the bathroom"]

[2 CatDog08.mp4 13:34 13:34 - "nature calls" and dog cocks his leg up]

In "CatDog's Booty", CatDog travels under the sea to search for long lost treasure. At one point, they're grabbed by an octopus which causes Dog to... [1]

He farts. An underwater bubble emerges from CatDog's centre and pops with a stink that grosses out the octopus. And it's not just Dog's half because Cat is seen straining too.

[CatDog09.mp4 43:25 - fart bubble! Dog farted!]

[1 include the fart sound from CatDog09.mp4 43:25]

And unlike peeing, this seems to be a thing they have to work together to do. Because maybe, they also share an exit.

[CatDog10.mp4

15:05 - rest room "so that's how those rascals do it"

15:14 - "I hate public rest rooms"]

It's hard to say this with any real certainty, since presuming this is placed around the centre of their body, it's unclear which side it would even be on. [1] CatDog's body twists and contorts [2] around in every episode so it could be just wherever and whenever it's needed. Hell, the spots on their body seem to act like little pouches anyway, [3] so maybe one of them is an ostomy pouch for collecting waste via a stoma. [4] It's obviously wildly

speculative, [5] but given that CatDog could be perceived as living happily with a medical condition, not despite it, it could be quite fitting.

[1 show & compare the same scenes from "Sweet and Lola" and "CatDog's Booty" and how this would place their buttocks either be on their underside or their backside]

[2 CatDog10.mp4 57:25 - dog twists neck around / CatDog07.mp4 1:20:50 - catdog parachute]

[3 CatDog06.mp4 12:30 - body zip / CatDog06.mp4 1:36:48 - body zip again / CatDog07.mp4 1:52:50 - chest zip / CatDog10.mp4 42:40 - dog also has a compartment hidden behind a spot (the last one is Dog's pouch, so maybe include that plus at least one of Cat's ones)]

[4

<https://api.kramesstaywell.com/Content/6066ca30-310a-4170-b001-a4ab013d61fd/ucr-images-v1/Images/hands-placing-ostomy-pouch-over-stoma-361115> / <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cUM05Xvq8vQ>

[5 CatDog09.mp4 2:17:15 - cat pulls out blood bag (grade a positive)]

But so what? Why does this matter? It doesn't. It's on us trying to apply too many real world aspects to what is ultimately meant to be just a fun time. But it does speak to an underappreciated part of cartoons, where even when the silliest and strangest things happen, there's still an internal logic in there somewhere. It may be flexible, but it's vital for making fun and wacky shows work. Because if we know what the rules of the world are, then we'll know how to bend them.

[CatDog10.mp4 1:08:50 - "Whelp, that about wraps it up folks"]

And so I have finally conquered my white whale. And onto the next and greatest unsolved mystery of all time. Where do babies come from?

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