

# 9GAG: The Epitome of Thievery

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I always thought 9GAG posts were pretty awesome. They were funny and unique and I loved the fact that they never ran out of new stuff. Frankly speaking, it amazed me to a great extent that a website should have so much content and yet maintain almost an equal standard for each of them. You've got to be one really funny team to keep posting hilarious memes and gifs every half an hour or so. 9Gag was the magical place where humor content never stopped presenting itself. Yes, that's what it all seemed like. That is, before I was introduced to the world of Reddit. So, why the sudden change of mind? Because I found out, much to my amusement, that 9GAG deliberately steals content from Reddit.

## So how do they do it?

What we've got here is not a repost bot but a group of administrators and staff working hard to steal. They take posts that appear on the front page of Reddit and post them on their site with a new caption and their logo to go with it. And boy do they make their act look

clean. They remove Reddit's watermark and manipulate the post time so that it seems as if it was uploaded prior to the original post on Reddit, 4Chan or Funny Junk. And that's not all. Whenever there's a comment with "Reddit" or "Reddit.com" in it that possibly points out the scam-pooft, it's gone. Hey, wait a minute. What if you write something on your blog about that? Sorry to let you down, but 9GAG won't allow those links

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to their site and you'll end up getting redirected.

The problem with 9GAG is that, its user base doesn't fuel the site's content archive. When a user posts something, no matter how uniquely funny it is, there's a limit to the amount of popularity it will receive within a certain time period. That's expected and natural. But among these regular accounts are the ones run by

admins who bypass the system to publicise the stolen content with a huge number of upvotes and comments.

But there is however, a plus side for the visitors of the site- they get organised content under a single page and it saves a lot of time and provides a good experience rather than having to go through separate sub-reddits and threads that look confusing. Make no mistake, that isn't an excuse.

We know that all this sounds like a paranoid conspiracy theory but believe us when we say, it really isn't. Detailed proof can be found on the link at the end of this article.

If the internet has proven anything then it is this: frauds don't end up with the hype they started with. It's not *always* about what you're giving to the readers but about how you're giving it. If you have to unethically steal, the question of whether or not you should have existed in the first place, comes to mind.

**Source:**  
[http://www.reddit.com/r/4chan/comments/zacju/9gag\\_repost\\_machine\\_explained](http://www.reddit.com/r/4chan/comments/zacju/9gag_repost_machine_explained)



# How to Name Your Pets

When Meow and Bagha don't cut it.



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I've had a lot of pets so you'd be right to consider me the authority on naming them. Of course, I'm not, but it still feels nice getting all that respect. Still, somebody has to do this. So, without further ado, you may start unquestioningly absorbing my misguided knowledge.

## Not a human

This is the first rule of naming animals. Don't give your pet a human name. Obnoxious rich people give their pets human names, spend a lot of money on these animals and ignore their real children for whom they probably have a nickname which would be better suited for an animal. Giving pets human names is also the first step to a world run by super-intelligent animals. Any instance from here on out where I suggest a human name for your pet is an exception to the rule.

### Random name generators

Try one of those random name generators that were all the rage on Facebook a few years ago like 'What is your stage name?', 'What is your pirate name?', etc. The names that result from these things will never be used because they don't meet human standards. Since filthy animals don't have standards, you can use these names for them and save your brain the aneurysm it would have taken to think up a good name for a goldfish.

*Smoky Divinity, the goldfish.*

### Named after person

You can name your pet after someone you dislike or simply enjoying poking fun at. Like one of your old bosses or teachers. You might even find yourself liking those people if you've got someone amicable at home with the same name.

*Feroze, the rat.*

### Named after something

Name it after stuff it looks like or it

reminds you of. You can use anything here. Hell, you can even call your lovebird 'Noun'. The less you think, the better a name you can come up with. Use a younger cousin or sibling to come up with name if it becomes too difficult for you. Labradors remind me of waffles.

*Flappy Bird, the duck.*

### Numbers

Number them. This works well with rabbits because of all the babies they have. You can number them in batches. You can also number pets in the pair you buy them in. Or just roll a dice. That's how easy it is.

*Nine, the cat that looks like it has a Hitler moustache.*

### Named after character

Name it after a fictional character. It could be after a comic character like Swamp-Thing, Man-Thing or Hulk. Don't directly use the name of fictional dogs like Ace (Batman's Dog) or Krypto (Superman's Dog). That shows a

significant lack of imagination on your part. You could also name it after characters from books or TV shows.

*Sentry, the dog.*

### Can you not?

Just straight out don't name them. Dogs are an exception to this and need names. Monkeys need names too. Never let a monkey hear you calling it stupid. I've had over 40 pets (not counting the 15+ rabbit spawns). Out of all of those, I've only ever named two of them. One was named after a breakfast component and the other after a mass murderer (though I wouldn't know that for a few more years at least). Heck, I don't even know what species some of them were. I had this weird, and I mean *really weird*, turkey-thing. It scared me. It had eyes that could look into your soul. So if you care about animals as much as I do, then respect their wishes and don't bother naming them. Also don't forget to feed them. Turns out they die if you don't.