

LQ: Why did people send animals to
space?

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Fruit Flies

Fruit flies were the first animals to be sent to space in 1947. Scientists in America wanted to research the effect of radiation on them.



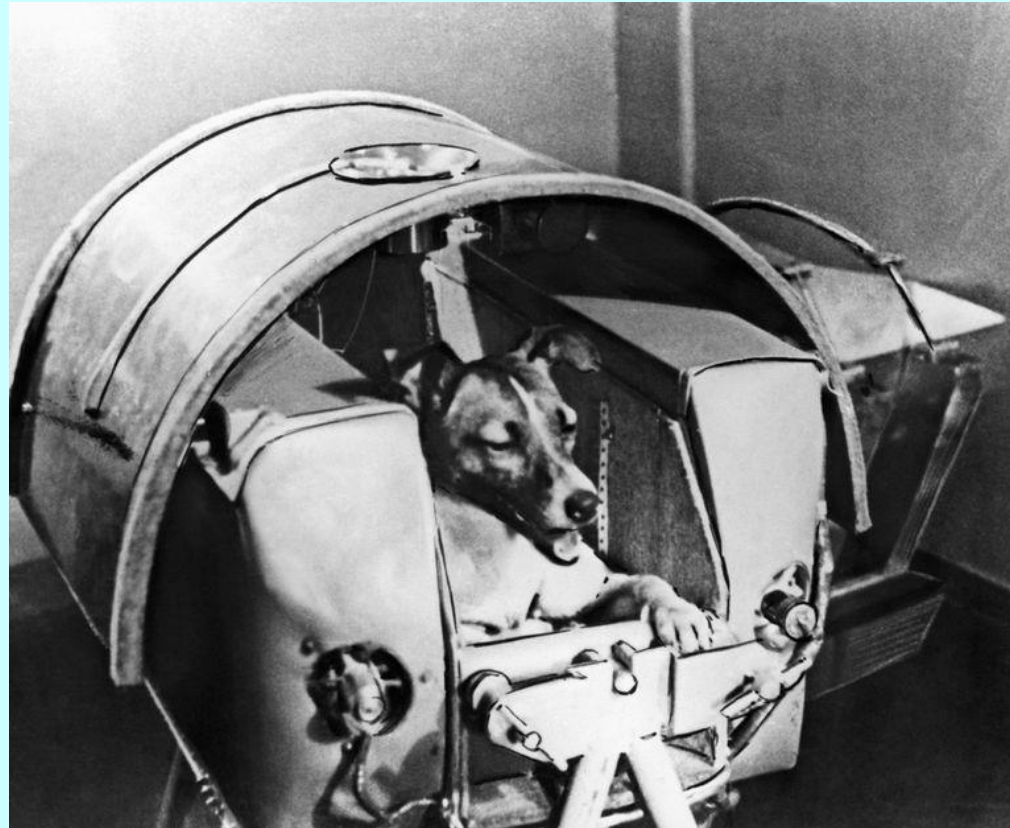
Monkeys

In 1948, Americans sent lots of monkeys, all named Albert, into space. They were trying to find out if people could survive a trip into space safely. Most of the monkeys did not survive the whole trip.



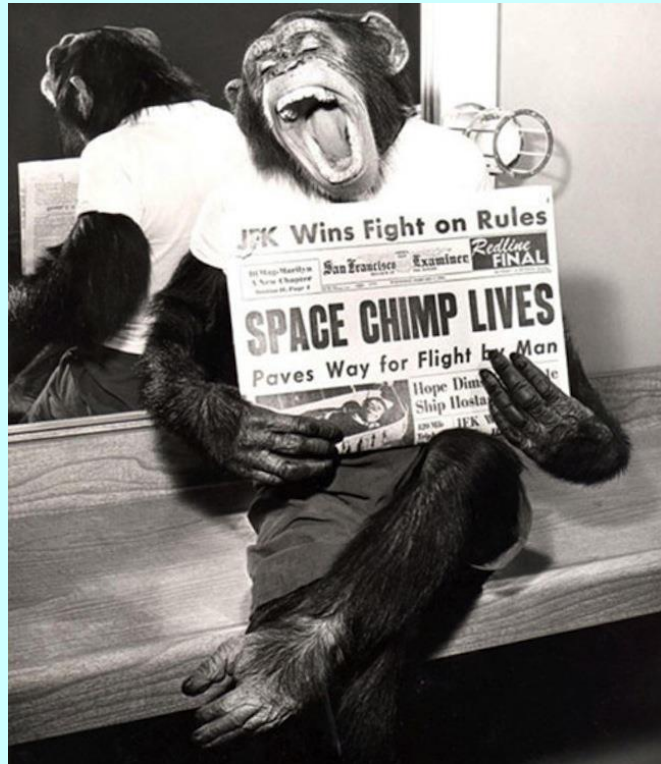
Dogs

In Russia, whilst the Americans experimented on monkeys, the scientists started sending dogs into space. The best known is Laika who travelled on Sputnik. Sadly, Laika's journey was only one way.



Chimpanzees

In 1961, Ham became the first chimpanzee in space. He successfully returned to Earth! He was, slightly tired and dehydrated after the flight, but in good shape. Ham's mission paved the way for the successful launch of America's first human astronaut. Later Ham went to Washington Zoo in America and lived there until 1980.

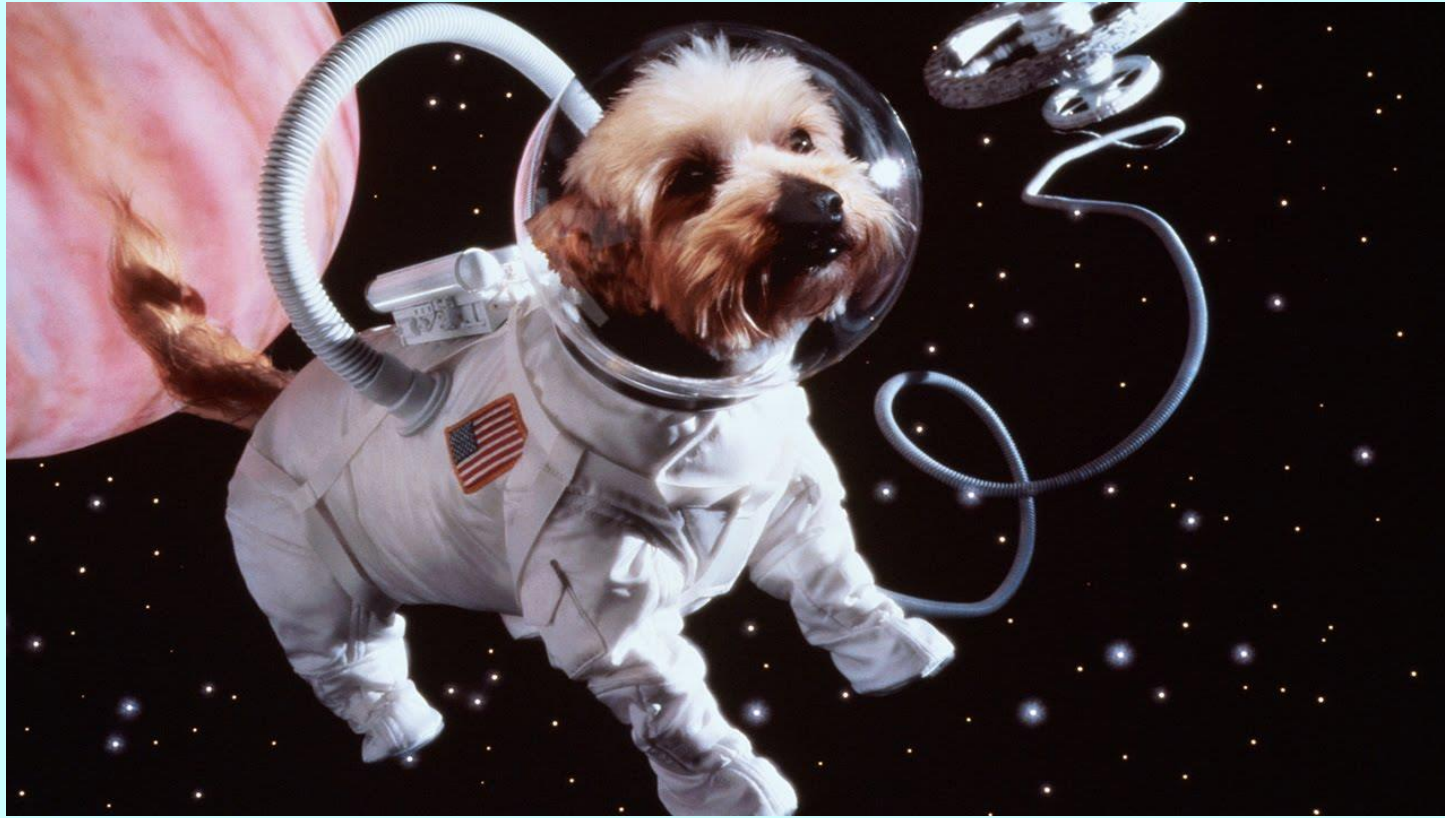


Cats

In 1963, French scientists launched the first cat into space. The cat, named Felix, landed on Earth successfully after being retrieved from a parachute.



We are going to make an advert to encourage animals to go to space!



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