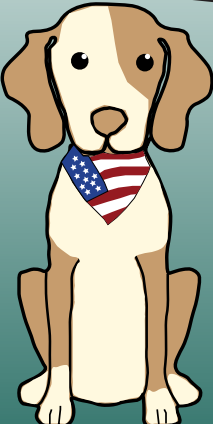


You Can't Waste Your Vote!




Hello Utah County!
My name is Ellie the Election Dog,
and I'm here to tell you all about
ranked choice voting...

MAJOR PARTIES

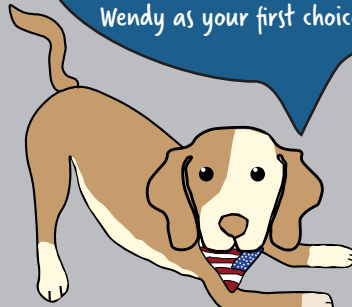
	<p>Leo Lion Feline Party</p> <hr/> <p>Policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eat dogs • Cat priveledges • Sleep all day 		<p>Barry Bear Ursa Party</p> <hr/> <p>Policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Don't eat dogs • Honey for bears • Sleep all day
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MINOR PARTIES and UNAFFILIATED CANDIDATES

	<p>Wendy Wolf Canine Party</p> <hr/> <p>Policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dogs rule! • No cats allowed • Fetch every day 		<p>Rita Rabbit Unaffiliated</p> <hr/> <p>Policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eat carrots • Animal equality • Free celery
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Leo and Barry are the most popular candidates, so voting for my favorite candidate Wendy would be a waste. I don't want Leo to win, he'll eat me!! I guess I'll vote for Barry.



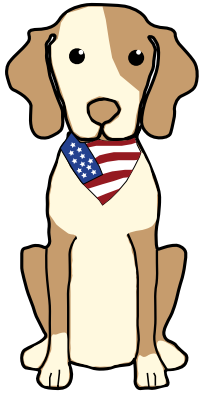
Silly Jack! we animals use ranked choice voting. That means you should rank Wendy as your first choice!

How!!

With ranked choice voting, a candidate must win an **ABSOLUTE MAJORITY** -- that means more than 50% of the total votes.

				
<p>First Count: 100 total votes</p>	<p>Leo 39</p>	<p>Barry 35</p>	<p>Wendy 20</p>	<p>Rita 06</p>

The 1st choice votes are counted. **BUT LOOK -- NO ONE HAS MORE THAN 50 VOTES!**

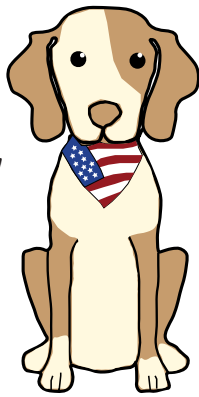


The loser Rita is eliminated. But the six people who's first choice was Rita now have their second choice votes counted and transferred to the other candidates.

Second Count: 100 total votes

Leo	Barry	Wendy	Rita
39	35	20	06
+04	+01	+01	
43	36	21	

Still, no one has an absolute majority with more than 50 votes! So Wendy is eliminated, and her votes transferred according to their next preferences.



Third Count: 100 total votes

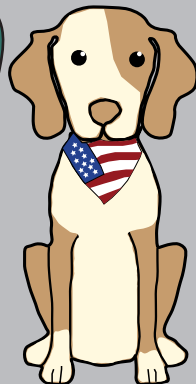
Leo	Barry	Wendy	Rita
43	36	21	
+05	+16		
43	52		

oh no!!!

So basically, if my first choice doesn't win, my second choice gets counted as my first choice, and so on.



Correct!



But since my second choice won anyway, what was the point of making a less popular candidate my first choice?



YAY BARRY !!

Well ...



FIRST,

Minor parties and independents can and do win seats if enough people to vote for them. Since you lose nothing by making whom ever you'd like your first choice.



SECONDLY,

This might happen...

Preferences from canine party voters made a big difference! I'll need to keep them happy if I want to beat Leo again next time... I know, "fetch!"

