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sunfish	6	4

Based on the information presented can you infer anything about the number of different types of fish in the lake?

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Sample #	1	2	3	4	5
Dog	31	32	33	31	31
Cat	42	41	38	42	38

Based on the information presented what can you infer about which type of pets there are?

3) A car company was trying to figure out if more men or more women purchased yellow cars. To do this they polled all the customer who bought a yellow car in the last month. Their results are shown below:

Sample #	1	2	3	4	5	6
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Women	40	40	40	41	40	42

Based on the information presented what can you infer about who bought yellow cars?



Name: Answer Key

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Because of the very small discrepancy in the quantities it is unlikely any deduction can be made about who bought more yellow cars.