

# *Chinese and Western Combinations*

## *Cancer (Ram) Month*

### *Combination with Dog Year:*

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**"Sense"** Moon, Water, Cardinal

**"Concerned"** Yin-Positive Metal

**Characteristics:** *Constancy, Heroism, Morality, Tastelessness, Moodiness, Unsociability, Self-Righteousness, Respectability, Insight, Tenacity, Caution, Cynicism, Hypersensitivity, Intelligence, Irritability, Possessiveness, Despondency, Uneasiness, Affection, Caring, Imagination, Criticism, Duty, Avarice*



When there is something wrong, a cruel remark or a rude clerk, they are mortified. Everyone and everything has the potential to be the Big Bad Wolf. If someone is a friend of this combination, they will frequently be called on to protect him or her or to reassure him or her that everything is fine. Cancer-Dogs are sensitive, emotional, touchy, easily hurt, thin skinned and just about any other adjective one can think of in this department. They have very deep feelings about everything. No matter what it might be in their environment, they are affected by it. They are the sort who frequently asks others what is the matter, when there is absolutely no reason to worry about anything. As with all human beings, of course, they have real lives and lead them and they are not necessarily lives of quiet desperation. They can be happy and fulfilling lives with a family and all the trappings that the rest of humanity has. Cancer-Dogs work hard and their avocations are generally something creative such as music or art. Of course, as Cancers, home decorating, gardening and other domestic pursuits are likely. Finally, there are hints of a compulsive character here; a person driven to finish things on time and to never forget anything. Appointment books and calendars were made with them in mind. It is entirely possible that art will be part of their lives because they have a strong inclination in that area. Regardless of, or perhaps because of, their sensitivity, they are fine problem solvers. They are thoughtful and supremely patient.

**Romance:** Generally, some sincere and meaningful reassurance and love will put an end to that. What they need on a steady and reliable basis is attention, affection and tenderness. If they have that, they can let their love shine through. As with some others of the Cancer group, this individual is very loving. There are a couple of twists in that mix however. The hypersensitivity of this combination means that they can lash out at people when they feel unloved.

**Relationships:** This combination should probably not consider the Aries, Libra and Capricorn signs such as Dragons and Rams. Not making the list at all is the Aries-

Boar. At the top of the romance list for this combination are Virgo and Pisces-Rabbits. Additional good choices in the love department are Taurus, Scorpio and Virgo-Tigers and also worth looking at are Taurus-Rats.

**Family Life:** This combination does not have nests as much as they have beautifully designed and well kept birdhouses. The reason that things must be beautiful is because of love and this combination loves their family perhaps more deeply and more truly than any other. The ties here are bound together for eternity. Of course the home is critical, but the essence of this combination is aesthetics. Things that matter are things that are beautiful and things that are beautiful are loved. That is the internal sensibility that makes a Cancer-Dog tick and it is what is reflected externally.

**Likelihood:** Because of this combination's fundamental character, they are capable of success in many areas, but it is here, in this kind of vague realm of caring and empathizing, that they do best. They simply are not meant to be robots in a bureaucracy or cogs in a corporate machine. The circle is not broken in the life of a Cancer-Dog. It begins with sensitivity and it ends there. That means that a profession that is in need of sensitive and creative people is the best for this individual.

**Famous Cancer/Dogs:** *Claude Debussy, Marcel Proust, Jean Anouilh, Alexander Calder, Donald Sutherland, Sylvester Stallone.*