IT'S IN THE STARS:

♌ LEO

Happy birthday Leo! You were born during the period July 24 to August 23. Your motto is "I will."

Leos are symbolized by the lion and deserve this feline association like no other sign. Leo can be made to purr like a kitten or roar like a lion — depending on the circumstances.

Here is a sign that truly fits the reference: "Blow in my ear and I'll follow you anywhere." It's not that the Leo native is a push-over, but simply that bearers of this sign have great egos that respond to pampering.

In fact, with a Leo, flattery will get you everywhere. Yet, care is the watchword because once wounded, the lion is slow to forgive.

Remember that we're dealing with a fire sign that can lash as deeply as it can love. Leo is the sign of kings and queens, a sign that demands to be seen and heard through whatever modes of expression possessed by the native.

Two examples are famous writer James Baldwin and athlete Wilt Chamberlain.

The sun is the ruling planet of Leo. No other celestial body could represent the ego and stature of this sign. In astrology, the sun represents all that is magnanimous and shining. The sun was once worshipped by man during times past and so should natives of the sign Leo.

There is something about this regal group that seems to invite homage — the giving of gifts, the routines of waiting on them, and the frequent compliments that they savor so well. The reward for rendering unto Leo is a hearty love and undying loyalty that rivals anything possible from the remaining eleven signs.

As with other signs, there are exceptions, but Leo tends to have magnetic personalities and as Curtis Mayfield described "Superfly," "a weakness for show." Both men and women can be fashion plates with a dislike for menial tasks.

Nonetheless, Leo is an ambitious sign and when put to the task can burn with energy. Because of their need for attention and recognition, they are often found at the head of their groups.

Like Aries, this sign is a natural leader and may be very domineering. More evolved types recognize this and control their driving natures. Teaching, administrative posts and supervisory roles suit Leo best. Something about their personalities cause people around them to respond well and willingly to their direction.

Physically, Leo is a strong sign taking its strength from the sun. The heart, back and the arteries tend to be venerable points of the body. Therefore, Leo should be attentive to ailments identified by faintings, weak eyesight, heart palpitations and vascular problems.

Three Types Of Leos

Born between July 24 and August 2 — You are co-ruled by Saturn making you the most serious of Leos. Strong self-confidence is your mainstay and discipline is your yardstick.

Born between August 3 and August 13 — You are co-ruled by Jupiter, the planet of bounty and generosity. Your nature is very expansive and warm-hearted. You best fit the description of the benevolent dictator giving protection to your loved ones and fighting to the death for what you know to be true.

Born between August 14 and August 23 — You are co-ruled by Mars, the planet of action and energy. Herein lies the will and inclination to dominate others. Your initiative and enthusiasm could lead to over-aggressiveness and quarrelsome traits.

If you are in the military and happen to be the boss of your operation, you are well placed. Otherwise, yours could be a frustrating existence.

Favorite colors: blood-red, orange, scarlet, yellow-brown and yellow.

Favorite flowers: peony and the marigold.

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LOVE MATCHES

Astrology is not an absolute science, so don't expect perfection. Use it as a tool in evaluating yourself and those you interact with. All the zodiac signs have qualities of one another that make for a variety of compatibility matches. The following sign love matches are based on general sun sign characteristics to be used only as a guide.

Leo and Aries

Aries (March 21-April 20) is a fire sign like you. Your passions will mesh and all will go well so long as you allow Aries to lead. This probably won't be too difficult if you get the love and affection you crave.

Leo and Taurus

Taurus (April 21-May 20) is solid in whatever the matter. This Venus-ruled sign is capable of deep, undying love, but also jealous-natured. If you tend to be the Leo type that enjoys making your mate jealous for more attention, forget it! Taurus anger is something you won't forget.

Leo and Gemini

Gemini (May 21-June 21) aside from being logical and mental can be fickle. Here you'll be the jealous one. This sign needs room to experiment. Chances are that you won't get that constant attention you desire. One thing for certain is that there'll never be a dull moment.

Leo and Cancer

Cancer (June 22-July 22) is very sentimental. You'll also find comforting the basic homliness of this sign partner. The Cancer male may even cook and wait on you. Royal service is a promise here. One thing to watch with Cancer is that raging temper once aroused. But as long as you return the pampering, all should go well.

Leo and Leo

Many matches of this type survive to eternity. Needless to say, both understand one another. The greatest problem arises as to whom goes the place in the sun. Once this is resolved, relax and enjoy the best of all worlds.

Leo and Virgo

Virgo (August 23-September 22) is a most critical mate. Have your ego in tact and you might survive this match. This native may not think highly of the usual frills of Leo living. What goes on must be practical to a Virgo. Approach this mate cautiously.

Leo and Libra

Libra (September 23-October 22) is a lover and a probable match for you. If you enjoy the romantic type, go to it. But remember that Libra sometimes enjoys the chase. This sign type is most attractive to the opposite sex and may offend your sense of fidelity.

Leo and Scorpio

Scorpio (October 3-November 21) can be a fierce lover and jealous mate. This match usually works if the woman is the Leo. Scorpio is innately competitive and sometimes creates an atmosphere of oppression and domination. To be sure, this sign is one that believes in caring for its own Just make sure that you're ready to be cared for.

Leo and Sagittarius

Sagittarius (November 22-December 21) is a good match in most cases. A true fire sign, Sagittarius shares many of your romantic needs and quest for adventure. Expect a fun relationship that should last.

Leo and Capricorn

Capricorn (December 22-January 19) is a supporter and provider type. This may sound great but consider your social needs as well. It often happens that this sign falls short of the social needs of Leo. Moodiness is also a characteristic of Capricorn that may lay heavy on your light-hearted nature. Resolve these factors and it could work.

Leo and Aquarius

Aquarius (January 20-February 18) is usually recommended for Leo. Both sign mates usually maintain high ideals and enjoy life's many varieties. A love of people is usually shared which makes for compatibility.

Leo and Pisces

Pisces (February 19-March 20) is a spiritual being that fulfills the romantic needs of Leo. This sign is noted as being the most adjustable of its colleagues. Pisces enjoys the pampering and romance that is associated with Leo. So enjoy!