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*"No matter how little money and how few possessions you own,
having a dog makes you rich." - Louis Sabin*



Welcome to
The Pet 'N Player,
a free monthly newsletter
from Pet 'N Play -
Your Personal Pet Sitters.
We hope you enjoy it!

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Monthly Poll!

(Click on the question to
answer)

[Do you give your pet\(s\) a
Christmas/holiday present?
And, if so, do they open it
themselves?](#)

[Do Dogs Need Winter Coats? 4 Tips From a Vet](#)

Pets Best



Our furry friends still like to spend time outside during the colder winter months, but do they need protective clothing such as sweaters and coats? In most cases, the answer is no. Most dogs have enough fur to keep them warm outside during the winter. When making the decision on whether to put warm winter clothing on your dog, you should consider your dog's size, breed and the outside temperature. Here are four tips to help you determine when a dog should and shouldn't wear a coat. [Read More](#)

This month's pet trivia (answers below):

- 1) Which household pet was frequently used in religious ceremonies?
A) Chameleon B) Guinea Pig C) Siberian hamster D) Bearded

Last month's question: **With the elections right around the corner, which do you think would make a better president, a cat or a dog?**

The results: Split 50/50 between a cat... and any animal but Trump (sorry dogs).

December Pet Holidays:

December is a light month for pet holidays, but we would like to wish everyone safe and

Happy Holidays!

Dec. 2: [National Mutt Day](#).

We have a new feature:

[Adoptable
Pet of the Month!](#)

From the Humane Society
of Huron Valley



Meet Pixie

See all the adoptable pets of the month on our web site [here](#)

dragon

2) What is the most common training command taught to dogs?

A) Stay B) Beg C) Sit D) Dance

3) Who wrote the music for Cats?

A) George Gershwin B) Leonard Bernstein

C) Stephen Sondheim D) Andrew Lloyd Webber

4) Which TV series had a dog named K9 who was also a robot?

A) Full House B) Star Trek C) Doctor Who D) Law & Order

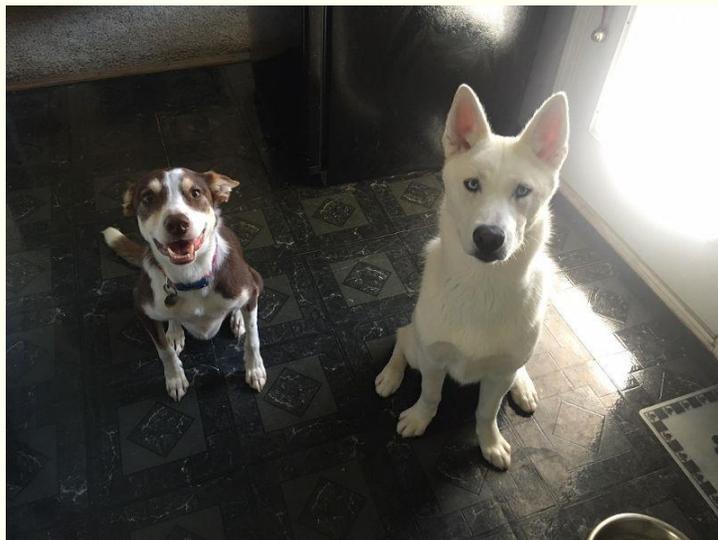
"If cats could talk, they wouldn't." - Anonymous

7 Ways to Make Your Cat Happy

Modern Cat Magazine



Cats are mysterious creatures, but we've got the inside track for you! Follow these steps to a happy and healthy cat. [Read More](#)



Meet Indy & Arlo -
Featured Pets for December 2016!

[See all of our past Featured Pets here!](#)

[Dogs Smell the Passage of Time](#)

The Bark



Dogs tend to live in the moment, accepting each treat, snuggle, or toss of the tennis ball as the whole reason for their existence with a charming single-mindedness. Yet, their understanding of time can be complex. Many dogs are able to anticipate predictable events accurately, which is why they leap on the couch to look out the window when the kids are just about to come home from school or adults are nearly home from work. Even more dogs appear to know, from their own stomach's rumblings, that the dinner hour fast approaches. [Read More](#)

"I wish I could write as mysterious as a cat." - Edgar Allan Poe

[Pets Who Have Called the White House Home](#)

Vetstreet



While pets may not be into politics, it's clear that [politicians have long been into pets](#). The love of animals has been part of first families since George Washington — and is the one bridge that clearly crosses party affiliations. After all, Democratic president James Buchanan kept an elephant at the White House, a gift from a foreign dignitary before Congress suggested that all such wild gifts be kept at a [zoo](#). Republican president Calvin Coolidge had a donkey named Ebenezer. So much for aligning pets with party affiliations. [Read More](#)

Fun facts about pets:

At the end of the Beatles' song "A Day in the Life," an ultrasonic whistle, audible only to dogs, was recorded by Paul McCartney for his Shetland Sheepdog.

It has been scientifically proven that stroking a cat can lower one's blood pressure.

Dogs are mentioned 14 times in the bible, while cats are not mentioned at all.

In the midst of building the Grand Coulee Dam in the state of Washington, engineers were stymied by

the problem of threading a cable through a pipeline until an anonymous cat saved the day. Harnessed to the cable, this unknown hero crawled through the pipeline maze to successfully finish the job.

We hope you get a laugh at one of the comics below. There are new comics every day on our web site, just click on a comic. They are brought to you by [Andertoons](http://www.andertoons.com).



Pet Sitter's Corner

Each month in the Pet Sitter's Corner we will keep you up to date on changes with Pet 'N Play, local events, and other interesting news.

We had another successful **Presents 4 Pets campaign!** This year **we raised \$880 in cash for the Humane Society of Huron Valley, plus over \$400 in needed food and supplies!** We also **raised \$510 in cash for SASHA Farm!** Thank you to everyone that donated, and a special thanks to Chelle and everyone at **Groom N Go East** in Ann Arbor (on Industrial), for again hosting a donation box! Let's do even better next year!

If you haven't already, this is the perfect time of year to check out our adoptable pets page. We now have **adoptable pets of the month** from several local shelters! These pets are available for adoption, and we will have new pets every month! So be sure to visit our web site every month to see the new adoptable pets each month! [Check out our new adoptable pets page here.](#)

**From everyone at Pet 'N Play,
have a safe and Happy Holiday season!**

Thank you for reading our newsletter! We hope you enjoyed it.

And please feel free to share it with anyone and everyone.

Send any pet sitting questions you have to us at: info@pet-n-play.com

Trivia answers:

- 1) B - Guinea pig. Guinea pigs were also used for medicinal purposes. 2) C - Sit.
3) D - Andrew Lloyd Webber. 4) C - Doctor Who.

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