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"The better I get to know men, the more I find myself loving dogs." - Charles de Gaulle



Welcome to
The Pet 'N Player,
a free monthly newsletter
from Pet 'N Play -
Your Personal Pet Sitters.
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Monthly Poll!

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[With the elections right around the corner, which do you think would make a](#)

[Why Does My Pet... Get So Lumpy as He Ages?](#)

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It's not pretty, but it's a fact of life: We all get older. For some of our pets, that means often unsightly, suspicious and definitely disconcerting growths that arise on, in or just beneath the skin. Though often benign, these unwanted lumps and bumps are never cosmetically pleasing and may well represent problems that are more than skin deep. [Read More](#)

This month's pet trivia (answers below):

1) What did a Newfoundland dog do to Napoleon Bonaparte?
A) Bit him on his rear B) Gave him rabies C) Saved him from drowning D) Nothing - the breed didn't exist in Napoleon's time

2) Which of these is NOT a well known cat myth or saying?
A) Cats always land on their feet B) Cats have nine lives
C) It's raining cats and dogs D) Don't throw the cat out with the bath water

3) Which of these household pets often loves to swim?
A) Hamster B) Chinchilla C) Mouse D) Hedgehog

[better President,
a cat or a dog?](#)

Last month's question: **Do you allow your pet(s) on your furniture or Bed?**

The results: With our largest response ever, everyone said yes to allowing their pets on the furniture or bed (one only allowed on the bed, several only on furniture, but most allowed anywhere they want to go!).

November Pet Holidays:

Adopt a Senior Pet Month.
By ASPCA.

National Pet Awareness Month.

National Senior Pet Month.

Pet Cancer Awareness Month. Sponsored by Veterinary Pet Insurance (VPI) and the Animal Cancer Foundation. (Also see May events).

[Pet Diabetes Month.](#)

Nov. 6-12, 2016: **National Animal Shelter Appreciation Week.** by The Humane Society of the United States. First full week of November.

Nov. 17, 2016: **National Take a Hike Day.**

Nov. 17, 2016: **National Black Cat Day.**

4) What dog breed is recognized by Guinness as being the world's tallest?

- A) Irish Wolfhound B) English Mastiff C) Great Dane
D) Scottish Deerhound

"Time spent with cats is never wasted." -

Sigmund Freud

[How To Stop Pesky Night-Time Meowing](#)

Modern Cat

It's not uncommon for my clients at The Cat Behavior Clinic to tell me that they have not had a good night's sleep in several years. Their cats have been routinely waking them up all throughout the night and especially between the wee hours of 3 and 5 a.m. This common feline behavior can occur because of a cat's natural instincts, because of other factors at play, or both. [Read More](#)

Nov. 24, 2016: **National Dog Show.** Always broadcast in the US on Thanksgiving, this event is held at The Greater Philadelphia Expo Center in Oaks, Pennsylvania and is hosted by the Kennel Club of Philadelphia. Sanctioned by the American Kennel Club, the event features 2,000 dogs.

We have a new feature:
[Adoptable](#)
[Pet of the Month!](#)

From the Humane Society
of Huron Valley

Meet Blue



Meet Molly and Lucy -
Featured Pets for November 2016

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

[How Therapy Dogs Help Human Health](#)

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The accomplishments of some types of working dogs can be very tangible — for example, a guide dog leading his visually impaired partner through city streets, or search and rescue dogs who have a very visible role in the management of natural and man-made disasters. The impact of specially trained therapy dogs on illness is less obvious, but no less

important than the jobs of guide dogs and search and rescue dogs. [Read More](#)

"There's a saying. If you want someone to love you forever, buy a dog, feed it and keep it around." - Dick Dale

[Cat Behavior Myths: 5 More Decoded](#)

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Unfortunately, there are far too many myths out there about why our cats do the things they do, and more than a few of these misconceptions cast our cats in a negative light. I recently wrote about five of these such myths, and now I'm back with a whole new list. Here are five fictions that you shouldn't believe, including misunderstandings about raising kittens and a common (but false!) urban legend that I don't like to hear repeated. [Read More](#)

Fun facts about pets:

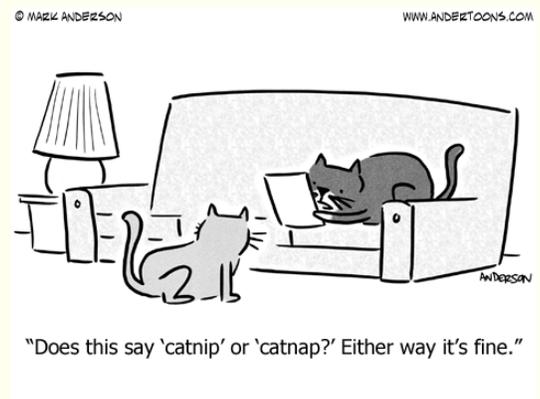
In relation to their body size, cats have the largest eyes of any mammal.

An American Animal Hospital Association poll showed that 33 percent of dog owners admit that they talk to their dogs on the phone or leave messages on an answering machine while away.

In the 9th century, King Henry I of Saxony decreed that the fine for killing a cat should be sixty bushels of corn.

An estimated 1 million dogs in the United States have been named the primary beneficiary in their owner's will.

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](#).



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.

November 11-13, 2016

Novi Pet Expo

At Suburban Collection Showcase (4100 Grand River Ave.) in Novi, MI

There will be non-stop entertainment, shows, rescue pet adoptions, microchip your pet on-site, vendors, and more! Find out more at: www.novipetexpo.com

It's not too late to donate to our 7th Annual Presents 4 Pets campaign! Presents 4 Pets is a nationwide annual collection drive benefiting pets in shelters. Presents 4 Pets is sponsored by the National Association of Professional Pet Sitters (of which we are members), and will run until the first week of November, coinciding with the Humane Society of the United States' National Animal Shelter Appreciation Week, observed November 6-12, 2016. All proceeds will go to the Humane Society of Huron Valley, and, as we did last year, we are also accepting monetary donations to **SASHA Farm**. SASHA Farm is the Midwest's largest farm animal sanctuary, located in Manchester, Michigan.

To learn more, please visit: www.pet-n-play.com/presents-4-pets

To donate, please send a check (made out to either *Humane Society of Huron Valley* or *SASHA Farm*) to:
Pet 'N Play
P.O. Box 1983
Ann Arbor, MI 48106

Be sure 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! We have also put our Humane Society of Huron Valley pet of the month in this newsletter. 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.](#)

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) C - Saved him from drowning. An unnamed Newfoundland is credited with saving French Emperor Napoleon Bonaparte's life in 1815. Napoleon was fleeing the island of Elba, where he was in exile, when turbulent seas knocked him overboard. A fisherman's Newfoundland dog jumped in and kept Napoleon afloat until he could be rescued. Not surprisingly, Newfoundland dogs excel at water rescue due to their muscular build, webbed feet and natural swimming ability. 2) D - Don't throw the cat out with the bath water. 3) D - Hedgehog. 4) C - Great Dane. The current tallest dog recognized by Guinness is Giant George, a Great Dane from Arizona. Many past Tallest Dog record holders have also been Great Danes.

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