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"It often happens that a man is more humanely related to a cat or dog than to any other human being." - Henry David Thoreau



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Monthly Poll!

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Last month we had a giveaway for

[How Do I Teach My Dog Not to Stop in Front of Me on Walks?](#)

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Q. When I stop on walks my dog always circles in front of me. It's annoying and I'm afraid he will trip me. I would prefer that he stay by my side, even when we're standing still. What can I do to correct this behavior? [Read More](#)

This month's pet trivia (answers below):

1) According to USA Today, which is the most popular male name for a dog in the United States?

A) Sam B) Max C) Buddy D) Duke

2) According to USA Today, which is the most popular male name for a cat in the United States?

A) Charlie B) Leo C) Milo D) Oliver

3) About how many years does the average macaw live, according to petinsurance.com?

A) 15 years B) 25 years C) 50 years D) 75 years

\$10 in Petsmart gift cards. It was won by Jenny in Ann Arbor. Congratulations Jenny!

August Pet Holidays:

Aug. 1, 2016: **DOGust Universal Birthday for Shelter Dogs.** The North Shore Animal League America, the world's largest no-kill animal rescue and adoption organization, declared August 1 as a birthday for all the shelter animals whose birthdays are unknown. Happy DOGust!!

Aug. 5, 2016: **Work Like a Dog Day.**

Aug. 7-13, 2016: [International Assistance Dog Week.](#)

Aug. 8, 2016: International Cat Day.

Aug. 15, 2016: [National Check the Chip Day.](#) AVMA and the American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA) joined together to create "Check the Chip Day."

Aug. 17, 2016: **National Black Cat Appreciation Day.**

Aug. 20, 2016: [International Homeless Animals' Day®.](#)

Aug. 22, 2016: [National Take Your Cat to the Vet Day.](#)

Aug. 26, 2016: [National Dog Day.](#)

Aug. 28, 2016: [Rainbow Bridge Remembrance Day.](#)

Aug. 30, 2016: **National Holistic Pet Day.**

4) How long can a goldfish live, according to [petinsurance.com](#)?

A) 20 years B) 30 years C) 40 years D) 50 years

"To insult someone we call them "bestial." For deliberate cruelty and nature, "human" might be the greater insult." -

Isaac Asimov,

Isaac Asimov's Book of Science and Nature Quotations, 1988

[10 Most Overlooked Aches and Pains in Cats](#)

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Signs of injury like hiding, eating less and, when seriously afflicted, perhaps favoring a limb or failing to make their leaps as graciously as before, can be so subtle that most owners are liable to miss them. Now, that's not to say that cat owners are clueless. In most cases they'll observe a difference in their pet's behavior. Nonetheless, they may misread the signs and fail to consider that what their pet is feeling is related to outright pain. Pain, some may assume, comes with yowling or growling, not with the more subtle changes I've described above. [Read More](#)

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[How to Break 7 Common Bad Dog Habits](#)

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"No! Bad dog!" How many times have you scolded your misbehaving canine with those words? Probably too many. But before you fly off the handle, one of the most important things to understand about correcting bad behavior is that punishment doesn't work. Many times, dogs don't understand what they're being punished for, and will respond by learning to hide the behavior. [Read More](#)

"It is a perversely human perception that animals in their native habitat are running wild." - Robert Brault

Why You Shouldn't Let Your Cat Drink Milk

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When it comes to special treats, it seems that cats naturally gravitate toward milk the way dogs take to bones and mice go for cheese. But while it's true that many kitties love to lap up the white stuff, it turns out that they can't always successfully digest milk without getting sick. [Read More](#)

Fun facts about pets:

President Franklin D. Roosevelt's most famous canine companion was his Scottish terrier, Fala, who is part of the Roosevelt Memorial in Washington, D.C. But during Roosevelt's 12 years and one month as president, 11 dogs lived in the White House. They included a Bullmastiff, two red setters, a retriever, a Bulldog, a Llewellyn Setter, a Scotch Terrier, a Great Dane, a Sheepdog, and a German Shepherd who tried to rip the pants off the British Prime Minister.

Cats can see color. Studies have shown that cats can distinguish between red and green; red and blue; red and gray; green and blue; green and gray; blue and gray; yellow and blue, and yellow and gray.

The only dog to ever appear in a Shakespearean play was Crab in *The Two Gentlemen of Verona*.

Cats bury their feces to cover their trails from predators.

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.

August 13-14, 2016; Performance Times: 12:00 pm, 2:00 pm, 4:30 pm

Rock & Roll K-9's at Frankenmuth River Place Shops Festival Platz

The Rock-N-Roll K-9's provide good family fun entertainment with our awesome K-9's, while grooving to rock and roll music. The shows will include flyball, tricks, relay racing, limbo, choreographed obedience routines agility, Scooby says, musical mats and much more. To learn more about this event visit www.frankenmuthriverplace.com/events.

You may have noticed that we are not doing a monthly giveaway this month. We have decided to go back to our monthly poll instead. So don't forget to answer the poll question: If you had to choose, would you rather spend time with your pet or another human? We would love to hear from you!

You may have seen some recent postings on our Facebook page for lost pets. Luckily there haven't been too many (and we have successfully reunited a few pets with their owners!). But when you see a posting, please share it with others so we can help reunite more lost pets with their families!

And be sure to check out our web site and Facebook page for some fun videos we have made. Including a new introduction to our web site from our dog Ryder! We will have more coming in the future, so stay tuned...

Have a great summer!

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 - Max. 2) D - Oliver. 3) D - 75 years. 4) D - 50 years.

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