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*"Be it human or animal, touch is a life-giving thing. Has anyone ever had a stroke or a heart attack while cozied up with a pet? I doubt it." - Robert Brault*



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The Pet 'N Player,  
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from Pet 'N Play -  
Your Personal Pet Sitters.  
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## Monthly Giveaway!

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## [Why Does My Cat... Walk on Me?](#)

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You know what I'm talking about. You're perhaps reading a book on the couch or lounging in bed, when *Oof!* — all of a sudden, you have several pounds of feline furriness sauntering across your middle. Why do so many of our cats seem to like to do this? [Read More](#)

## **This month's pet trivia (answers below):**

1) According to the ASPCA, which of the following people foods are highly dangerous to pets?

A) Avocados B) Chocolate C) Macadamia nuts D) All of the above

2) The Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show is the second longest running sporting event in the United States after which sporting event, according to the Westminster Kennel Club?

A) World Series B) Kentucky Derby C) Masters Golf Tournament D) America's Cup

3) About how many times does the average bird's heart beat per

**Are cat owners weirder than dog owners?**

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**July Pet Holidays:**

**Dog House Repair Month.**

[National Lost Pet Prevention Month](#)™. Learn how to keep your pets from becoming lost in this month-long observance launched by PetHub.

July 4, 2016: **Independence Day.** This US holiday is no holiday for dogs; the sounds of fireworks causes many dogs to panic and run, resulting in many lost dogs every year.

July 15, 2016: **National Pet Fire Safety Day.** Sponsored by the The National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC), ADT Security Services and the American Kennel Club® (AKC).

July 21, 2016: [National Craft for your Local Shelters Day.](#)

July 31, 2016: [National Mutt Day.](#) Also see Dec. 2.

minute?

A) 100 times B) 200 times C) 300 times D) 400 times

4) Ferrets have been pets for humans for thousands of years. According to PetEducation.com, which ancient civilization has pictures of ferrets on leashes?

A) Babylonian B) Chinese C) Egyptian D) Roman

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*"Ever consider what pets must think of us? I mean, here we come back from a grocery store with the most amazing haul - chicken, pork, half a cow. They must think we're the greatest hunters on earth!" -*

Anne Tyler, *The Accidental Tourist*

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**Dogs were domesticated not once, but twice ... in different parts of the world**

University of Oxford via ScienceDaily

Scientists have compared genetic data with existing archaeological evidence and show that man's best friend may have emerged independently from two separate (possibly now extinct) wolf populations that lived on opposite sides of the Eurasian continent. This means that dogs may have been domesticated not once, as widely believed, but twice. [Read More](#)

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Meet Chase & Grace - Featured Pets for July 2016

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## [Can Pets Get the West Nile or Zika Virus?](#)

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As summer begins, news programs are rife with stories about the Zika and West Nile viruses. Infectious disease specialists warn about the potential for disease in people. But what about your pets — are they at risk, too? [Read More](#)

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*"I believe in animal rights, and high among them is the right to the gentle stroke of a human hand." - Robert Brault*

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## [4 Ways You May Be Misinterpreting Your Cat's Body Language](#)

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Deciphering what our animals are telling us through their body language isn't always easy or intuitive. And cats are no exception. Oftentimes, the behaviors that are signs of friendliness in dogs are actually indicators of stress or fear in cats. Misinterpreting what your cat is saying can lead to bites, scratches or

worse, so it's essential to know what her body language really means. From tail wagging to purring, here are four common feline behaviors that are easy to misread. [Read More](#)

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#### Fun facts about pets:

Cats can have freckles. They can appear anywhere on a cat's skin and even in its mouth.

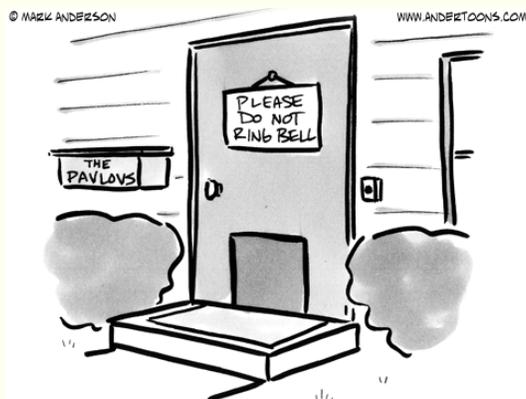
Marie Antoinette's dog was a spaniel named Thisbe.

Cats are the only domesticated animals that walk directly on their claws, not on their paws. This method of walking is called "digitigrade." When cats scratch furniture, it isn't an act of malice. They are actually tearing off the ragged edge of the sheaths of their talons to expose the new sharp ones beneath.

Korea's poshintang - dog meat soup - is a popular item on summertime menus, despite outcry from other nations. The soup is believed to cure summer heat ailments, improve male virility, and improve women's complexions.

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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](#).



An advertisement for "ONLY NATURAL PET". On the left, there is a green square with the text "ONLY NATURAL PET." and a white silhouette of a dog. To the right is a photograph of a happy, fluffy dog with its tongue out, sitting in a grassy field. In the bottom right corner of the photo, there is a grey button with the text "SHOP NOW" and a right-pointing arrow.

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## 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.

Summer's here and the time is right... to enjoy the outdoors with your pet! Dogs, and yes, even indoor cats, love to go outside and enjoy the summer breeze, the grass, the warming sun. But beware, there are dangers out there too. Keep an eye out for stinging and biting insects, and pay particular attention to the dangers over over-heating and dehydration. And never, ever, under any circumstances, leave your pet in a car in the heat of summer. Even for only a few minutes.

You may have seen some recent postings on our Facebook page for lost pets. Luckily there haven't been too many. But when you see a posting, please share it with others so we can help reunite 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](mailto:info@pet-n-play.com)

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**Trivia answers:**

- 1) D - All of the above. 2) B - The Kentucky Derby. 3) D - 400 times.  
4) C - Egyptian.

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