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"When an 85 pound mammal licks your tears away, then tries to sit in your lap, it's hard to feel sad." - Kristan Higgins



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The Pet 'N Player,
a free monthly newsletter
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Monthly Poll:

(Click on the question to answer)

[Do you celebrate your pets' birthday? And, if so, how?](#)

[6 Signs Your Dog Loves You](#)

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I consider my dogs Shakira, Gracie, Quora, Quixote and QT as full-on members of my family. I love them with all my heart. But do they love me back?

I think so. As a veterinarian for more than 30 years, I've witnessed the power of the human-animal bond firsthand. Furthermore, scientists are starting to explore which emotions animals feel and how they display them. Based on their research, I'm even more convinced that our dogs love us. [Read More](#)

This month's pet trivia (answers below):

1) Calico cats are almost always:

A) Left pawed B) Female C) Friendly D) Finicky

2) Dew, Hare, Mops, Paper and Splay all relate to what part of a dog?

A) Legs B) Fur C) Ears D) Feet

Last month's poll question:

There are a lot of very well behaved dogs out there, and some not so well behaved. Should dogs be allowed to be off-leash everywhere?

It was unanimous, all dogs should be kept ON-LEASH, except in designated off-leash parks!

May Pet Holidays:

National Pet Month. (US)

[Responsible Animal Guardian Month.](#)

Pet Cancer Awareness Month. Sponsored by Pet Cancer Awareness and the Blue Buffalo Foundation for Cancer Research. (Also see November events.)

Chip Your Pet Month.

National Service Dog Eye Examination Month. The [American College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists](#) hosts this annual event when over 200 veterinary ophthalmologists donate their services to provide eye exams to service dogs in the US and Canada.

May 1, 2016: **Mayday for Mutts.**

May 1, 2016: [National Purebred Dog Day.](#)

3) What is the scientific name for hair loss in cats?
A) Balding disorder B) Minoxidil C) Alopecia D) Lymphadenopathy

4) Gay, Saber and Screw are all types of dog what?
A) Tail B) Color C) Ears D) Teeth

"An animal's eyes have the power to speak a great language." - Martin Buber

[Why Does My Cat...Knock Things Off Tables, Desks and Shelves?](#)

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As numerous hilarious internet videos show, our cats seem to love to knock things off high places. Why do they engage in this funny — but also sometimes annoying or even dangerous — behavior? [Read More](#)



May 1-7, 2016: **American Humane's [Be Kind to Animals Week](#)**. This week-long event has been celebrated since 1915. Always the first full week of May.

May 1-7, 2016: [National Pet Week](#). Always held the first full week of May by the American Veterinary Medical Association.

May 2-8, 2016: [Puppy Mill Action Week](#). An initiative of the HSUS, this week is always scheduled to begin the Monday before Mother's Day.

May 3, 2016: **National Specially Abled Pets Day**.

May 8, 2016: **National Animal Disaster Preparedness Day**.

May 15-21, 2016: [Dog Bite Prevention Week](#). This event by the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) along with the United States Post Office (USPS) and the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) focuses attention on preventing dog bites. 3rd full week in May.

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Meet Marty - Our Featured Pet for May 2016

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[Nonverbal Animal Communication](#)

By Dr. Myrna Milani

Imagine yourself interacting with an adorable but apprehensive puppy brought in for a first examination. Ask yourself if what you see and hear communicates your total confidence in yourself and the animal to deal with whatever life dishes out. Or does it communicate something else? When some people interact with an animal they perceive as fearful for some reason, their entire demeanor changes. Their body language becomes soft and mushy, i.e., more submissive.

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"Yesterday I was a dog. Today I'm a dog. Tomorrow I'll probably still be a dog. Sigh! There's so little hope for advancement." - Charles Schulz (Snoopy)

[Is Your Home Life Stressing Your Cat Out?](#)

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We all know there's no place like home — home is where we feel safe and comfortable. And, of course, we want that same feeling for our cats. But while you

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might feel relaxed at home, your cat may be stressed out — and it may be your own behavior that is causing his anxiety. But while some behavioral problems, like eliminating outside the litter box, may have an underlying medical cause, many can be resolved with some simple tweaks to the cat's home situation.

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Fun facts about pets:

Most domestic dogs are capable of reaching speeds up to about nineteen miles per hour when running at full speed. But Greyhounds can reach up to 45 miles per hour!

Black cat superstitions originated in America. In Asia and England, a black cat is considered lucky.

Using their swiveling ears like radar dishes, experiments have shown that dogs can locate the source of a sound in 6/100ths of a second.

Cat families usually play best in even numbers. Cats and kittens should be acquired in pairs whenever possible.

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.

There are a couple of big events this month:

The Humane Society of Huron Valley's 37th Annual Walk & Wag and Run!

The event runs Saturday, May 21, from 8am-1pm, at Rolling Hills Park in Ypsilanti.

There is a dog walk, run, and all-around-fun day! Have friends and family sponsor you, bring your dog and have a ball. At 9:00 a.m., the 5K run starts, and you can stroll the 1-mile fun walk at anytime during the event if you wish! **It's their biggest fundraising event of the year**, and a whole lot of fun! [Find out more here.](#)

Dog Bowl - The world's largest Olympic style event for dogs!

Lots of great events: Best Costume Contest, 50 yard Doggie Fun Run, Disc Dog Competitions, Wiener Dog Races, Pet Retail Vendors, Dog Bowl King and Queen, Dog Breeds of the World Show, Annual Canine Cruise of the Bavarian Belle River Boat, DockDogs Competition **and Hot Air Balloons**. This event runs Saturday and Sunday, May 28-29, **in Frankenmuth** River Place Shops. [Find out more here.](#)

You may have seen some recent postings on our Facebook page for lost pets. Please share these posting 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...

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 - Female. Calico is not a breed of cat, it's a three-color pattern. Calico cats are nearly always females, for complicated genetic reasons (just Google it, okay?). About one in 3,000 Calico cats are male, and they're usually sterile.
- 2) D - Feet.
- 3) C - Alopecia. This term is also used for hair loss in humans.
- 4) A - Tail.

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