



*"Saving one dog will not change the world, but surely for that one dog, the world will forever change." - Karen Davison*



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

(Click on the question to answer)

[Neutering dogs is found to increase some health problems, such as hip dysplasia, lymphatic cancer,](#)

## [Teach Your Cat to "Stay" on Command - Really!](#)

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"Kitty, stay!" This is probably not a phrase you have ever imagined saying to your cat — or one you have ever imagined her obeying. But it may be time to reconsider. Cats are capable of learning many of the tricks typically associated with dogs, including down, come and, yes, even stay. [Read More](#)

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

- 1) Which cartoon cat was the first to make the crossing from screen to cartoon strip?  
A) Felix B) Garfield C) Morris D) Tom (from Tom & Jerry)
- 2) What kind of dog was Pluto?  
A) Great Dane B) Labrador C) Blood Hound D) Poodle
- 3) Which variety of dog originating in the US cannot be imported, bred or sold in the UK from laws passed in 1989 and 1991?
- 4) What is a mud puppy?  
A) A drink B) A dirty kid C) A dessert D) A fish

[and more.](#)

### [Should pets be neutered?](#)

Last month's poll question:

**Do you think dogs should live outside, even in the winter?**

[The results: no one thinks dogs should be left out all year long, but 33% think it's okay to leave dogs outside except in extremely cold weather, and 67% say No, why have a dog if you're going to keep him outside!](#)

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### **March Pet Holidays:**

**Poison Prevention Awareness Month.**

**Adopt a Rescued Guinea Pig Month.**

March 3, 2016: [If Pets Had Thumbs Day.](#)

March 6-12, 2016: [Professional Pet Sitters Week.](#)

March 10-13, 2016: [Crufts.](#)  
Held in Birmingham, England, this is the world's largest dog show, featuring nearly 28,000 canines in its four days.

March 13, 2016: **K-9 Veterans Day.**

March 20-26, 2016: [National Poison Prevention Week.](#)

*"Women and will cats do as they please, and men and dogs should relax and get used to the idea." -*

Robert A. Heinlein

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## [Common Pet Behaviors People Often Misinterpret](#)

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Is a [wagging tail](#) always the sign of a friendly dog? If your [cat rolls on her back](#), does she really want you to rub her tummy? If your dog is "[smiling](#)" does that mean he is happy? As a veterinary behaviorist, I have to tell you, the answers to these questions might surprise you.

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March 23, 2016: [National Puppy Day](#).

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Meet Koshka and Yuri - Featured Pets for March

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## [Video: How to Teach Your Dog to Stop Jumping Up On People](#)

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Is your dog an enthusiastic greeter? Does he welcome guests by jumping on them? Jumping up is one of the most common problems that Vetstreet trainer Mikkel Becker sees. Your dog may jump up and put his paws on people for many reasons — he may be happy to see you after you've been away, he may be excited about meeting a new person or he may be reaching for a toy or treat that you're offering him. No matter what his motivation, though, jumping up isn't good manners and it can be intimidating and potentially dangerous. [Read More](#)

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"Dogs do speak, but only to those who know how to listen." - Orhan Pamuk

## [Little Known Facts About the 10 Most Popular Medium-Sized Dog Breeds](#)

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It's time to learn fun facts about the 10 most popular medium-size dog breeds. Even if you regularly peruse dog breed profiles, we may have some interesting info you've never heard before. For instance, do you know the origins behind the Cocker Spaniel's name? Are you familiar with the correct way to hold a Dachshund? Well, get ready: You're about to discover 10 little-known facts about the top medium-size breeds. [Read More](#)

### Fun facts about pets:

Dachshunds are the smallest breed of dog used for hunting. They are low to the ground, which allows them to enter and maneuver through tunnels easily.

A cat's jaws cannot move sideways.

French Poodles did not originate in France. Poodles were originally used as hunting dogs in Europe.

A cat cannot see directly under its nose. This is why the cat cannot seem to find tidbits on the floor.

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](#).



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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.

We are happy to announce that we will be posting lost and found pets on our Facebook page! Hopefully we will have very few postings, and even more hopefully the ones we do post will help reunite pets with their owners quickly. You can also register at several lost pet web sites to help you find your pet or when you find a stray. [Check out our lost pet page here.](#)

It's never too early to plan for the upcoming Humane Society of Huron Valley's annual Walk & Wag and Run event! Sign up now to sponsor a fundraising team. Or put it on your calendar to attend. It's Saturday, May 21, from 8-1, at Rolling Hills Park in Ypsilanti. [Find our more here.](#)

Do you love walking your dog? Are you, or someone you know, looking for a part-time job? **Pet 'N Play is now hiring for a part-time dog walker to work in Ann Arbor Monday-Friday during the day!** We are looking for a mature, responsible person that will work year-round for us (this is not a summer job). You must own a reliable, insured vehicle, have a cell phone, and have daily access to email. You must be willing to work in all kinds of weather (rain, snow, heat, cold).

This can be a fun and rewarding job, but it is also work that requires dedication and attention to detail. If you are interested, and would like to find out more, or to apply, please visit:

[www.pet-n-play.com/employment](http://www.pet-n-play.com/employment).

**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) A - Felix the Cat   2) C - Blood Hound   3) Pit Bull Terrier   4) D - A fish (North American salamander)

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