



*"Anybody who doesn't know what soap tastes like never washed a dog." -*  
Franklin P. Jones



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)

[Do you think dogs should live outside, even in the winter?](#)

## Safe to cuddle with pets while home with a cold or flu

ScienceDaily

This winter, when you are home sick with the cold or flu cuddling with your dog or cat may feel like just what the doctor ordered. A Vanderbilt infectious disease expert, while stopping short of actually prescribing in-home "pet therapy" for colds or flu, says that if having your companion by your side makes you feel better, go right ahead. Pets won't catch or spread human viruses. [Read More](#)

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

- 1) Which dogs used to walk beside carriages to fend off highwaymen?  
A) Poodles B) Irish Wolfhounds C) Rottweilers D) Dalmatians
- 2) What is unusual about a Manx cat?  
A) Fur-less B) No tail C) Can't meow D) No claws
- 3) How many canine teeth does a human have?  
A) 2 B) 4 C) 6 D) 8

Last month's poll question:

**Are you considering any pet-related New Year's resolutions this year, like taking them to the groomer more often, going on more dog walks, or anything else?**

The results were split right down the middle this month, with half of you resolving to be better pet parents this year!

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### **February Pet Holidays:**

**Beat the Heat Month.**

**Dog Training Education Month.**

**National Cat Health Month.**

[Spay/Neuter Awareness Month.](#) (Humane Society of the United States)

[Pet Dental Health Month.](#)

[Responsible Pet Owners Month.](#)

**Adopt a Rescued Rabbit Month.**

**National Prevent a Litter Month.**

**Unchain a Dog Month.**

2nd week in Feb.: [Have a Heart for Chained Dogs Week.](#)

4) What was the name of Darwin's famous research ship?

A) HMS Beagle B) HMS Labrador C) USS Beagle D) HMS Spaniel

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*"A Canadian psychologist is selling a video that teaches you how to test your dog's IQ. Here's how it works: if you spend \$12.99 for the video, your dog is smarter than you." - Jay Leno*

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## **5 Common Myths About Dogs in Winter**

Vetstreet



As your snow globe of a yard may indicate, winter is here! And with it comes a whole new season of pet care concerns: Do dogs need to wear coats and booties? Can thick-coated dogs like Huskies live outside? How much exercise do dogs need in the winter?

All savvy pet parents know there's plenty of well-meaning (albeit largely incorrect) advice floating around the Internet, so we're here to separate the truth from the misconceptions. [Read More](#)

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Feb. 14: [Pet Theft Awareness Day.](#)

Feb. 15-16, 2016: [Westminster Kennel Club Annual Dog Show.](#) Held at New York City's Madison Square Garden, this event is televised.

3rd week in Feb.: [National Justice for Animals Week.](#)

Feb. 20, 2016: [Love Your Pet Day.](#)

Feb. 22, 2016: **Walking the Dog Day.**

Feb. 23, 2016: **International Dog Biscuit Appreciation Day.**

Feb. 23, 2016: [World Spay Day.](#) Annual campaign by the Humane Society International and The Humane Society of the United States; held the last Tuesday of February.

Feb. 23, 2016: **Spay Day USA.** Last Tuesday of February.

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Meet Petey and Sparky - Featured Pets for February 2016

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## [Don't Fall for These Myths About Older Pets](#)

Vetstreet



Today's pets enjoy the opportunity to live substantially longer and healthier lives than those just a decade ago. More and more pets are making it to 7 years old — the age when a pet generally is deemed senior — and beyond.

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"Some days you're the dog,  
some days you're the hydrant." - Anonymous

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## Surprisingly Common Ways We Misinterpret What Our Pets Are Telling Us

Vetstreet



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. [Read More](#)

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### Fun facts about pets:

Cats only need a sixth the amount of light that humans do to see. However, their daytime vision is only fair compared to that of humans.

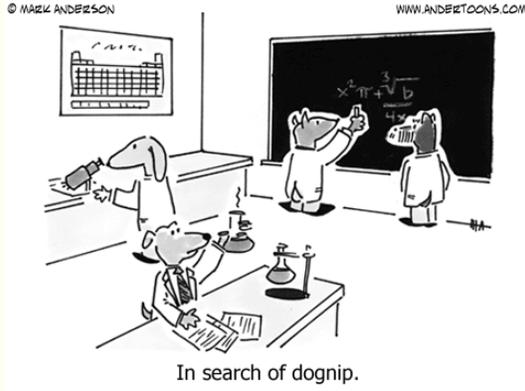
Though human noses have an impressive 5 million olfactory cells with which to smell, sheepdogs have 220 million, enabling them to smell 44 times better than man.

In cats, the calico and tortoiseshell coats are sex-linked traits. All cats displaying these coats are female...or occasionally sterile males.

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.

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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](#).



## 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 plenty of pet holidays to celebrate this month. From fun holidays like Walking the Dog Day to International Dog Biscuit Appreciation Day, to more serious holidays, such as Pet Theft Awareness Day to Have a Heart for Chained Dogs Week. Which brings us to this month's poll question: Should dogs live outside? We would love to hear from you on this topic! And don't forget to tune in to the Westminster Dog Show, February 15-16!

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) D - Dalmatians   2) B - No tail   3) B - 4   4) A - HMS Beagle

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