



"If a dog jumps in your lap, it is because he is fond of you; but if a cat does the same thing, it is because your lap is warmer." - Alfred North Whitehead



Welcome to
The Pet 'N Player,
a free monthly newsletter
from Pet 'N Play -
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Monthly Poll:
(Click on the question to answer)

Two questions this month! [Do you really want a hippopotamus for Christmas \(or maybe a puppy\)?](#)
[Are you putting your pet's](#)

[The Truth Behind Your Dog's Strange Behavior](#)

5 Odd Dog Behaviors Explained

Vetstreet



To help you understand why dogs shred paper and bury bones, we rounded up five canine habits that are true head-scratchers. We'd like to think we have dogs all figured out, but some of their behaviors are baffling. For instance, we humans do not lie on each others feet, and we don't shred paper with our mouths. So why do dogs? Thankfully, animal behaviorists and other experts have decoded some of these mysterious habits.

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This month's pet trivia (answers below):

- 1) How many rows of whiskers does a cat have?
A) 4 B) 7 C) 3 D) 6
- 2) What was the dog's name in Annie?
A) Toto B) Charlie C) Sandy D) Cujo
- 3) On average, cats spend how much time every day sleeping?
A) 8 hours B) 12 hours C) 4 hours D) 16 hours

[picture on your holiday cards this year?](#)

The results of last month's poll question:

Shock collars are used to make corrections in dogs from a distance, giving them a mild shock to correct an unwanted behavior. But they can also cause harm if misused or used incorrectly. Do you think people should use shock collars on their dogs?

We only got a few responses, but everyone agreed that shock collars are okay but only after professional training.

December Pet Holidays:

December 2, 2015: [National Mutt Day](#).

December 11, 2015: [Stories with Santa Paws](#) at the Humane Society of Huron Valley.

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4) Who Let the Dogs Out?

A) Mungo Jerry B) Baha Men C) MC Hammer D) Andrew Lloyd Webber

"The best thing about animals is that they don't talk much" - Thornton Wilder

The amazing science behind pets that find their way home

TIME

A pity you can't ask a dog for the shortest route home when you're lost — or a cat or a seabird or a tortoise or a dung beetle, for that matter. Because if you could ask any of them how to get pretty much anywhere, odds are they'd know a lot more than you think. Animal navigation has long been something of a black box for scientists. [Read More](#)



Meet (from left to right) Murphy, Layla and Rosie - the Featured Pets for December 2015!

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Cloning your dog, for a mere \$100,000

NPR

Dupont is caring for cats and dogs in the examining room while his wife, Paula, answers the phone and pet owners' questions. Their two dogs are sleeping on the floor behind her desk. "That's Ken and Henry," Paula says, pointing to the slim, midsize dogs with floppy ears and long snouts. Both dogs are tan, gray and white, with similar markings. [Read More](#)

"When I play with my cat, who knows whether she is not amusing herself with me more than I with her." - Montaigne

[Why Does My Cat Smell So Bad?](#)

Vetstreet



If your kitties mouth, ears or back end smells, it could likely be a health problem that requires veterinary attention. We tend to think of cats as ultra-clean creatures. They're known for meticulously bathing themselves, and they're fussy about the state of their litter boxes. But sometimes cats, well, they stink. [Read More](#)

Fun facts about pets:

If your cat is in the habit of rolling over and exposing his stomach, you can be sure he feels perfectly safe with you. It's also a way of demonstrating his pleasure in your company.

Prairie dogs are not dogs. A prairie dog is a kind of rodent.

In 1888, an estimated 300,000 mummified cats were found at Beni Hassan, Egypt. They were sold at \$18.43 per ton, and shipped to England to be ground up and used for fertilizer.

Researchers studying what dogs like to eat have found that the appetite of pet dogs is affected by the taste, texture and smell of the food, and also by the guardians' food preferences, their perception of their pet, and the physical environment in which the dog is eating.

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.

Friday, December 11, from 6:30-8pm is Stories with Santa Paws at the Humane Society of Huron Valley. Get ready for an evening full of howl-iday fun at the Humane Society of Huron Valley! Families who attend this event will enjoy a story with HSHV's own "Santa Paws," light refreshments, crafts and the opportunity to make a small treat or toy to give to one of our adoptable animals. Recommended for ages 3-8, but all ages are welcome. **\$10** per child (ages 1 and up, adults are free) payable online. **PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED, TICKETS WILL NOT BE SOLD AT THE DOOR. Our program will begin promptly at 6:30pm and is a structured event. Please plan to arrive on time. Doors will open for entry at 6:20pm. Register for this event early as this will sell out. Your name will be held at the door for check in. No tickets will be mailed to you.** [Learn more here](#)

Our sixth annual Presents 4 Pets campaign was a success! Presents 4 Pets is a nationwide annual collection drive benefiting pets in shelters. **This year we collected \$735 in cash donations for SASHA Farm and \$1210 in cash plus another \$1100+ in food and supplies for the Humane Society of Huron Valley!!**

We would like to thank everyone that donated, with a special thanks to our friends at TCF Bank for donating \$500, and a very special thank you to Chelle and everyone at Groom N Go East for hosting a donation box!

We would like to wish everyone a very safe and happy holiday season!

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) A - 4 (the average cat has 24 whiskers) 2) C - Sandy 3) D - 16 hours (a nine year old cat has been asleep for six years of its life!) 4) B - Baha Men

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