



"The average dog is a nicer person than the average person" - Andrew A. Rooney



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Monthly Poll:

(Click on the question to answer)

[Dog parks are becoming more popular every day, and they can be a great place to let your dog run around off-leash. But there can also be problems, such as dog fights and the legal](#)

9 science-backed reasons to own a dog

TIME

Loyal, protective, and always happy to see you, the dog has been a human companion for more than 18,000 years, making it one of the first domesticated animals in history. Don't just take our word for it. Scientists have proof that dogs make us laugh more than cats, keep us more active than the average human companion, and even reduce our chances of depression. [Read More](#)

This month's pet trivia (answers below):

1) What was the most popular dog name of 2011, according to VPI Pet Insurance?

A) Lucy B) Bailey C) Bella D) Max

2) Cats stay pregnant for about how long?

A) 2 months B) 4 months C) 9 months D) 2 years

3) What is another name for the parakeet?

A) Lovebird B) Budgie C) Dove D) Canary

4) Which of the following statements about cat body language is FALSE:

A) Tail held high means "I'm happy" B) Twitching tail means "I'm

[problems that accompany them, the smell from not picking up dog poop, and more. Are you in favor of more dog parks in Ann Arbor?](#)

The results of last month's poll question:

Keeping in mind cat overpopulation, allergies to cats, and other issues, should cats always be kept indoors, always kept outdoors, or allowed to be both indoor and outdoor cats?

67% said that cats should always be kept inside; while 33% said that cats should be allowed outdoors, but only on leash or into a confined area.

October Pet Holidays:

[Adopt-A-Dog Month®](#). By American Humane Association.

[Adopt-a-Shelter Dog Month](#). By ASPCA.

National Animal Safety and Protection Month.

National Pet Wellness Month.

October 1-7, 2015:
National Walk Your Dog Week.

October 4, 2015: **World Animal Day.**

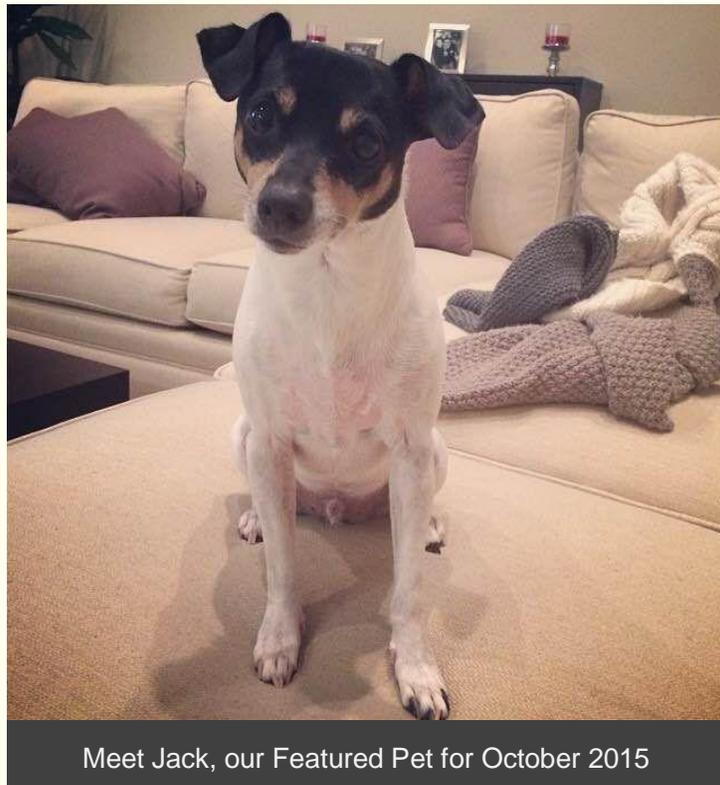
getting irritated" C) Thumping tail means "I'm totally frustrated D) Tail tucked underneath body means ""I'm hungry"

"A bird does not sing because it has an answer, it sings because it has a song" - Chinese Proverb

3 ways to give your cat a pill without being 'eaten alive'

Healthy Pets

If you're like the majority of people owned by a cat, pilling little Fluffy – otherwise known as trying to place a tiny, hard object into the mouth of an unwilling creature with sharp claws and teeth – is not something you look forward to. [Read More](#)



Meet Jack, our Featured Pet for October 2015

[See all of our past Featured Pets here!](#)

October 4-10, 2015: **Animal Welfare Week** ([AVMA](#))

October 11-17, 2015:
[National Veterinary Technician Week.](#)

Sponsored by the National Association of Veterinary Technicians of America.

October 16, 2015: [National Feral Cat Day.](#)

October 25, 2015: [National Pit Bull Awareness Day.](#)

October 28, 2015: **Plush Animal Lovers Day.** A day that most dogs will be happy to celebrate...as they unstuff them...

October 29, 2015: [National Cat Day.](#)

October 30, 2015: [National Black Cat Day](#) in the UK.



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Have allergies? How to find the right pet

CNN

About 12 percent of Americans are allergic to cats and another 12 percent to dogs, according to the most recent data in The Journal of Allergy and Clinical Immunology. Yet 100 percent of folks in the U.S. are obsessed with cute, fluffy animals, which puts allergic animal lovers in a terrible predicament. If you've got allergies, though, you don't necessarily have to shun (wo)man's best friend. [Read More](#)

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Cat care: 8 brilliant cat hacks to make every cat owner's life easier

HNGN

The joys of owning a cat are boundless, but caring for them require some work and effort. Pet cats are dependent on their owners for many of their needs, such as food, shelter and exercise, according to the American Humane Org, but pet care for cats can be made a lot simpler and easier with these cat hacks. is a text block. You can use it to add text to your template. [Read More](#)

"The cat. He walked by himself, and all places were alike to him." Rudyard Kipling

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Training a dog you can trust

ScienceDaily

Should entire breeds of dogs be banned? One expert says "no." Dog behavior is more the result of treatment and training than breeding, she believes. Ane Moller Gabrielsen received her doctorate from the Norwegian University of Science and Technology on dogs in society and culture this spring. She opposes a Norwegian ban on six dog breeds. [Read More](#)

Fun facts about pets:

Cats purr at about 26 cycles per second, the same frequency as an idling diesel engine. Dogs hear sounds that are too faint for us to hear, and also can hear noises at a much higher frequency than we can. Their hearing is so good that they probably rely more on sound than on sight to navigate the world.

Cats scratch to shed the sheaths of their old claws.

Dogs are mentioned 14 times in the Bible.

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.

Saturday and Sunday, October 3-4, is the 3rd Annual Paws in the Park! Paws in the Park, held in Royal Oak, is a two-day family event that will have plenty of “paws-on” activities for consumers and their pets! [Learn more here.](#)

Friday, October 16, is the Humane Society of Huron Valley's 10th Annual Compassionate Feast! Held at Zingerman's Cornman Farms in Dexter, The evening will be a special celebration of compassion and inspiring *Tales of Love*. The evening will feature a cocktail hour and silent auction in the historic farmhouse and 1837 restored barn at Cornman Farms, following by an elegant multi-course vegetarian feast prepared by James Beard Award Winner, Chef Alex Young. [Learn more here.](#)

The next Yappy Hour is Monday, October 26, from 4-6pm, at Olson Park. It's the 2nd Annual Happy Howl-a-ween Dog Party! Costumes, prizes and dog treats. [Learn more here.](#)

Pet 'N Play is happy to announce that we have begun our sixth annual Presents 4 Pets campaign! Presents 4 Pets is a nationwide annual collection drive benefiting pets in shelters. Presents 4 Pets is sponsored by the National Association of Professional Pet Sitters (of which we are members), and will run until the first week of November, coinciding with the Humane Society of the United States' National Animal Shelter Appreciation Week, observed November 1-7, 2015. As we did last year, we are also accepting monetary donations to **SASHA Farm**.

How can you help? We are asking for your generous support in the way of donations of supplies or as a monetary donation. All of the donations will go directly to the Humane Society of Huron Valley in Ann Arbor, or SASHA Farm in Manchester.

[Thank you in advance for your generous support! The shelter animals, and we, really appreciate it!](#)
[Learn more here.](#)

**Thank you for reading our newsletter! We hope you enjoyed it.
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Send any pet sitting questions you have to us at: info@pet-n-play.com

Trivia answers:

- 1) C - Bella 2) A - Just over 2 months
- 3) B - Budgie (budgies are a small seed)
- 4) D is False. A tucked tail means "I'm scared"

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