



*"Dogs come when they are called; cats take a message and get back to you later."*

- Mary Bly



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

(Click on the question to answer)

[Keeping in mind cat overpopulation, allergies to cats, and other issues, should cats always be kept indoors, always kept outdoors, or allowed to be](#)

## Dietary options for adverse food reactions in pets

By Jennifer Adolphe, Ph.D.



Does your pet have itchy skin or experience chronic vomiting, diarrhea or paw licking? If so, your pet may be having an adverse reaction to his food. The digestive system is an amazing series of organs that not only digests and absorbs food, but also plays a key role in immune function by defending against foreign invaders. The immune system must act quickly and aggressively to protect against potentially harmful substances, but also know when to remain unresponsive to food. [Read More](#)

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

- 1) True or false: Like dogs, cats sniff one another's butts?
- 2) What is the favorite dog breed of the Queen of England?  
A) Corgi B) Basenji C) Poodle D) Pomeranian
- 3) When does a kitten open its eyes?  
A) 5 weeks B) 1-3 weeks C) 2 months D) At birth

[both indoor and outdoor cats?](#)

The results of last month's poll question:

**Almost everyone loves a pet, but for some it may be a hardship to care for one properly, especially in financial terms (think vet bill). Do you think homeless people should be allowed to own pets?**

ALL the responses last month were YES, homeless people should be allowed to have any type of pet and as many as they want!

### September Pet Holidays:

**National Disaster Preparedness Month.** Led by FEMA's *Ready* Campaign, Citizen Corps and The Advertising Council, this effort encourages individuals, families, businesses and communities to work together and take action to prepare for emergencies. Visit [Ready.gov](#) and [CitizenCorps.gov](#).

September 13, 2015: [National Pet Memorial Day](#). Established by the International Association of Pet Cemeteries (IAPC).

Sept. 13, 2015: [Pet Birth Defect Awareness Day](#). A day dedicated to the issue of pet birth defects including information on identification, prevention and treatment.

4) What is the dog's most highly developed sense?

A) Taste B) Smell C) Sight D) Touch

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*"The bird of paradise alights only upon the hand that does not grasp." - John Berry*

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## Can cats recognize their grandparents?

National Geographic

Some felines and many other animals can likely sniff out their kin — but what they think of them is another matter. Heartwarming videos of animal reunions abound, from dog siblings who met again as adults to a rescued elephant reconnected with her mother in Thailand. But do animals really recognize their relatives? [Read More](#)



Meet Candy Sue and Pelo Dean, left to right, our Featured Pets for September 2015 (Note: Our sweet friend Pelo passed away in July)

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

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September 20-26,  
2015: **National Dog Week.**

September 20-26, 2015:  
[Deaf Pet Awareness Week.](#)  
By Petfinder.com.

September 23, 2015: **Dogs  
in Politics Day (also  
known as Checkers Day).**  
Recognizing the dogs of  
politicians.

September 28, 2015: [World  
Rabies Day.](#) Sponsored by  
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## When your dog's poop looks like this, visit your vet

Healthy Pets

This topic is a rather unpleasant but important one:  
assessing your dog's poop for signs of a health  
problem. Since our canine companions can't tell us  
when they have cramps, a tummy ache, or some other  
digestive upset, it's up to us to stay alert for signs of  
trouble. One of the best ways to do this is to monitor  
not only what goes into your dog, but also what comes  
out of him. [Read More](#)

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## Too much stress sends some dogs into a tailspin

CBS News

People tend to perform better when they are a little bit  
anxious and they sense a lot is at stake — whether that  
be at a job interview or a big speech. Well, it turns out  
dogs do, too. But much like people, a new study in the  
journal Animal Cognition found too much stress can  
send dogs into a tizzy. Researchers at Duke found that  
a little extra stress and stimulation makes hyper dogs  
crack under pressure but gives mellow dogs an edge.

[Read More](#)

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*"The dog represents all that is best in man." -*

Etienne Charlet

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## **Intestinal parasites are common cause of diarrhea in cats: Giardia may be transmitted to humans**

ScienceDaily

Diarrhea in cats can have several causes, with infections from single-cell intestinal parasites being a common explanation. Researchers studied nearly 300 cats in order to assess the presence and prevalence of parasitic species in Austria. The most common causative agents were Giardia. One species of Giardia that was found may also be transmissible to humans. [Read More](#)

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### **Fun facts about pets:**

The first dogs to hunt in packs and the first small companion breeds were probably bred in ancient China. Written records more than 4,000 years old from China show that dog trainers were held in high esteem and that kennel masters raised and looked after large numbers of dogs.

Cats step with both left legs then both right legs when they walk or run. The only other mammals to do this are the giraffe and the camel.

The dachshund is one of the oldest dog breeds in history (dating back to ancient Egypt). The name comes from one of its earliest uses - hunting badgers. In German, Dachs means "badger," Hund is "hound."

Cats use more than 500 muscles to leap, jump and sprint.

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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.

September 11-13 is the PetSmart Charities National Adoption Weekend, held at most local PetSmart stores. Find your next four-legged friend there! [Learn more here.](#)

The next Yappy Hour is Monday, September 21, from 4-6pm, at Swift Run Dog Park. This month's theme is Talent Show/Olympics! We know we have some talented dogs! Contests, tricks and a barking good time! [Learn more here.](#)

Don't forget to check our [Calendar page](#) for pet holidays every month. We also post the holidays on our Facebook page. It's a great way to celebrate everything pet!

We are proud to announce that our [Local Veterinarian's](#) page is now up on our web site! If you are new to the Ann Arbor area, or know of someone that is, or if you got a new pet, or if you are just looking for a new veterinarian, then check out the listing to find your next vet.

**Pet 'N Play is now hiring!** Are you, or someone you know, looking for a fun and rewarding part-time job? Love animals? We are looking for local, responsible candidates for part-time dog walking positions. Must be available Monday through Friday, 10am-4pm. Must have reliable transportation, cell phone, and daily access to email. This is a year round position! This is NOT a short-term seasonal job- we are seeking long-term candidates looking to work a few hours each day. Perfect for retirees! [Click here to learn more or to apply.](#)

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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) True    2) A - Corgi
- 3) B - 1-3 weeks (it is common for female kitten's eyes to open sooner than males)
- 4) B - Smell

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