

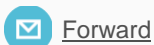


*"Every boy should have two things: a dog, and a mother willing to let him have one." - Anonymous*



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

(Click on the question to answer)

[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](#)

### Study: Dogs can tell when you're not nice to their owners

TIME

Scientists are learning more and more about why dogs are man's best friend, and a new study suggests they can tell when people aren't being kind to their owners. Japanese researchers conducted an experiment where three groups of 18 dogs each watched their owners interact with two other strangers and try and open a box, AFP reports. [Read More](#)

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

- 1) The first dog to travel in outer space was named?  
A) Fred B) Laika C) Moonbaby D) Arnold
- 2) Which of these breeds is caused by a genetic mutation?  
A) Siberian B) Manx C) Munchkin D) Napoleon
- 3) Which of these household pets is near sighted and colorblind?  
A) Cat B) Ferret C) Parakeet D) Hamster
- 4) What best describes a feral cat?  
A) Barn cat B) Cats that roam at night only C) A domesticated cat that has returned to the wild D) Cats that roam freely

[people should be allowed to own pets?](#)

The results of last month's poll question:

**People keep all sorts of pets besides cats and dogs, like snakes, birds, rodents and more. But how about more exotic pets, like monkeys, alligators, or other typical zoo animals?**

**Do you think anyone should be able to keep any kind of pet they wish?**

ALL the responses last month were a resounding **NO!**

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### **August Pet Holidays:**

#### **Aug. 1: DOGust Universal Birthday for Shelter Dogs.**

The North Shore Animal League America, the world's largest no-kill animal rescue and adoption organization, declared August 1 as a birthday for all the shelter animals whose birthdays are unknown. Happy DOGust!!

Aug. 2-8, 2015: [International Assistance Dog Week.](#)

Aug. 5: **Work Like a Dog Day.**

Aug. 15: [National Check the Chip Day.](#) AVMA and the American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA) joined together to

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*"There is nothing in which birds differ more from man than the way in which they can build and yet leave a landscape as it was before."* - Robert Lynd

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### **Where the wild things aren't: Cats avoid places coyotes roam**

ScienceDaily

Domestic cats might be determined hunters, but they stick mostly to residential areas instead of venturing into parks and protected areas where coyotes roam. That's the key finding from a North Carolina State University analysis of more than 2,100 sites — the first large-scale study of free-ranging cats in the U.S. published in the Journal of Mammalogy. [Read More](#)

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Meet Cody - Our Featured Pet for August 2015

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### **What are you looking at? Dogs are able to follow human gaze**

create "Check the Chip Day."

Aug. 15, 2015:

**International Homeless Animals' Day®.** From the [International Society for Animal Rights](#).

Aug. 17: **National Black Cat Appreciation Day.**

Aug. 26: [National Dog Day](#).

Aug. 30. **National Holistic Pet Day.**

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ScienceDaily

Dogs are known to be excellent readers of human body language in multiple situations. Surprisingly, however, scientists have so far found that dogs do not follow human gaze into distant space. Scientists investigated how this skill of dogs is influenced by aging, habituation and formal training. The outcome: Gaze following to human gaze cues did not differ over the dogs' lifespan, however, formal training was found to directly influence gaze following in dogs. [Read More](#)

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## How to mind your manners around pets — and pet owners

Los Angeles Times

On many days, Linda Buesching, past president of the West Valley Bird Society, likes to take her hyacinth macaw, Maxine, out and about for a bit of socializing. She generally knows what she's in for. "It happens all the time: People will come up to me and tell me it's terrible that I keep birds, they all should be flying free, that I should send her back where she came from,"

Buesching says. [Read More](#)



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*" Love the animals: God has given them the rudiments of thought and joy untroubled." - Fyodor Dostoyevsky*



## This dog's friendships know no bounds

Mother Nature Network

Meet Bob, a golden retriever from Brazil who knows that friends come in all shapes and sizes — and species. Bob shares his Sao Paulo home with a hamster and a variety of birds, and as the photos on his social media sites prove, he's perfectly content with the multispecies living arrangements.

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### Fun facts about pets:

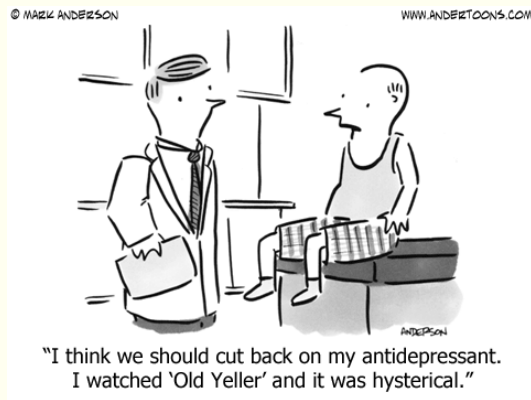
Cats lack a true collarbone and can generally squeeze their bodies through any space they can get their heads through.

Dogs have far fewer taste buds than people - probably fewer than 2,000. It is the smell that initially attracts them to a particular food.

Cats love to hear the sound of their own name and your voice, so talk to them often!

The English Romantic poet Lord Byron was so devastated upon the death of his beloved Newfoundland, whose name was Boatswain, that he had inscribed upon the dog's gravestone the following: "Beauty without vanity, strength without insolence, courage without ferocity, and all the virtues of man without his vices."

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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with your dog and  
deliver a treat  
from anywhere!



## 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.

SASHA Farm's first ever Humane Fair is Sunday, August 2, from 12-4pm! Meet local animal rescue groups and activists. Learn how you can do more to help animals. Includes guided tours, Cowspiracy film screening, animal friendly lunch and bake sale. Tickets are \$25 (\$15 for kids under 10). [Learn more here.](#)

The next Yappy Hour is Monday, August 17, from 4-6pm, at Olson Park. This month's theme is dog and owner look-a-like contest! Dress to match your dog. [Learn more here.](#)

**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.](#)

On a more serious note, as pet sitters we enter client homes every day, expecting to find only pets. That is why we ask our clients that there will be no one else in their home while we may be visiting, when they are out of town. The reason for this was exemplified by a recent home invasion in the news. [Follow the link here to read more.](#) **Please remember that no one else is allowed in your home while you are out of town, unless we know about it beforehand!**

**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) B - Laika    2) C - Munchkin (the breed has extremely short front legs)  
3) D - Hamster    4) A - A domesticated cat that has returned to the wild

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