



*"The purity of a person's heart can be quickly measured by how they regard animals." - Anonymous*



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

(Click on the question to answer)

[People keep all sorts of pets besides cats and dogs, like snakes, birds, rodents and more. But how about more exotic pets, like](#)

## Pets help knit community together

### ABC Science

We know pets calm us down and cheer us up, but now researchers have found they can be good for us in ways we could never have imagined. Not only do pets help develop friendships between people, but they can increase the amount of physical and emotional support that people give each other, says Associate Professor Lisa Wood from the University of Western Australia's School of Population Health. [Read More](#)

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

- 1) Which is the world's tallest dog?  
A) Great Dane B) Irish Wolfhound C) St. Bernard D) Chihuahua
- 2) How many teeth does an adult cat have?  
A) 42 B) 30 C) 36 D) 22
- 3) How many different groups of dogs are there?  
A) 7 B) 6 C) 5 D) 8
- 4) Humans have 206 bones; how many bones does a cat have?  
A) 120 B) 192 C) 230 D) 186

[monkeys, alligators, or other typical zoo animals?](#)  
[Do you think anyone should be able to keep any kind of pet they wish?](#)

The results of last month's poll question:  
**Certain breeds of dogs, including many show dogs, have their ears cropped and/or their tails docked (cut short). Do you think it is okay for dogs to have their ears cropped or tails docked?**  
Although there were not many responses this month, EVERYONE agreed on NO, it is cruel and/or pointless!

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### July Pet Holidays:

#### Dog House Repair Month.

July 4: **Independence Day.** This US holiday is no holiday for dogs; the sounds of fireworks cause many dogs to panic and run, resulting in many lost dogs every year.

July 15: **National Pet Fire Safety Day.** Sponsored by the The National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC), ADT Security Services and the American Kennel Club® (AKC).

July 21: [National Craft for your Local Shelters Day.](#)

July 31: **National Mutt Day.**

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*"My little dog - a heartbeat at my feet."* - Edith Wharton

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## Our bond with dogs may go back more than 27K years

ScienceDaily

Dogs' special relationship to humans may go back 27,000 to 40,000 years, according to genomic analysis of an ancient Taimyr wolf bone. Earlier genome-based estimates have suggested that the ancestors of modern-day dogs diverged from wolves no more than 16,000 years ago, after the last Ice Age. [Read More](#)

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Meet Rooi Els - Featured Pet for July 2015

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## Keep pets safe in summer

Austin American-Statesman

Many people take advantage of May's warm weather by making resolutions to get themselves and their pets in shape for summer. However, when participating in



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outdoor activities like walking or running during these high temperatures, extra precautions need to be taken to ensure your pet's safety. Dr. Mark Stickney, clinical associate professor at the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences, says that humans are not the only ones who need to be cautious when exercising during higher than average temperatures. [Read More](#)

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## Why do wet dogs stink?

American Chemical Society

Dogs are so nice and fun. They're our best four-legged friends, and they're the stars of many an internet video. This video investigates the chemistry behind Fido's amazing sense of smell and why wet dogs stink.

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**World's Toughest Dog Toy, Period.**  
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*"No heaven will not ever heaven be; Unless my cats are there to welcome me." Anonymous*

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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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### Fun facts about pets:

The common belief that dogs are color blind is false. Dogs can see color, but it is not as

vivid a color scheme as we see. They distinguish between blue, yellow and gray, but probably do not see red and green. This is much like our vision at twilight.

Cats have a homing ability that uses its biological clock, the angle of the sun, and the Earth's magnetic field.

According to ancient Greek literature, when Odysseus arrived home after an absence of 20 years, disguised as a beggar, the only one to recognize him was his aged dog Argos, who wagged his tail at his master, and then died.

Cats have about 100 different vocalization sounds. In comparison, dogs have about 10.

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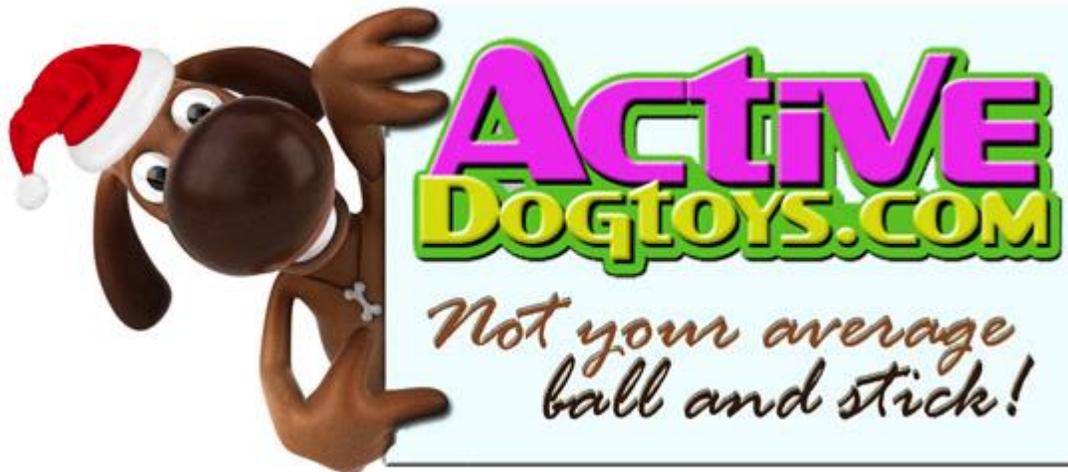
We hope you get a laugh at one of the comics below. There are new comics every day on our web site, just click on a comic. They are brought to you by [Andertoons](http://Andertoons.com).



"I'm exhausted. That kid is like a well *magnet!*"



"I don't think it's serious. Eat some grass and come back in a few days if it's not better."



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## 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.

The next Yappy Hour is July 20, from 4-6pm, at Swift Run Dog Park. This month's theme is Hot Dog Day in July! Hot dogs for the hot dogs, and grilled hot dogs for the humans! [Learn more here.](#)

We are excited to tell you about all the updates to our web site! First we updated the overall site, making it more mobile friendly. Next we added several pages of resources for the pet owner. Besides the [Adoptable Pets](#) page we added a couple of month's ago, we have now added a [Local Dog Trainers, Tips and Videos](#) page; a [Local Pet Groomers](#) page; and a [Local Pet Supply Stores](#) page! We are hoping to become your one-stop resource for everything pet in the Ann Arbor area, so spread the word!

Coming up next for our web site will be a Local Veterinarian's page, and a Local Pet Coupon page, filled with discounts for pet owners. Stay tuned!

**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 - Irish Wolfhound    2) B - 30 teeth (kittens have 26 teeth)    3) A - 7    4) C - 230

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