

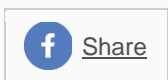
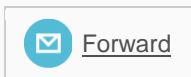


*"Dogs are not our whole life, but they make our lives whole." - Roger Caras*



Welcome to  
 The Pet 'N Player,  
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### Monthly Poll:

(Click on the question to answer)

[Do you think it is okay to  
 dress up pets \(like in a  
 Halloween costume\)?](#)

The results of last month's  
 poll question:  
**Electronic fences, like  
 Invisible Fence, among**

## Your dog may be more forgetful than you think

### Dog Channel

In the morning before work you play a quick game of fetch with your dog. At lunchtime you stop by the house and give him a treat and a pat on the head. After work you take him for a walk and feed him dinner. You will probably remember those events for a long time. Your dog forgets them after 70 seconds, according to a recent study. [Read More](#)

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

- 1) Which dog breed is the smallest of them all?  
 A) Dachshund   B) Shih Tzu   C) Pomeranian   D) Chihuahua
  
- 2) Do cats have fewer teeth than dogs, or more?  
 A) Fewer   B) More   C) Same
  
- 3) In which movie was a dog the only witness to a murder?
  
- 4) How much of their waking hours do cats spend grooming themselves?  
 A) 11%   B) 22%   C) 33%   D) 66%

*"Dogs have owners, cats have staff." - Anonymous*

others, are becoming more popular. Do you think it is okay to leave a dog unattended outside with only an electronic fence keeping him in the yard?

Everyone said NO, they don't always work (among other reasons, we're sure)! **We agree wholeheartedly!**

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### April Pet Holidays:

**National Pet First Aid Awareness Month.** This event is an effort by the American Red Cross to draw attention to the need to know specialized pet first aid.

**Prevent Lyme Disease in Dogs Month.**

[Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Month.](#) (ASCPA)

**National Pet Month.** (UK)

April 11, 2015: [National Pet Day.](#)

April 12-18, 2015: [Animal Control Officer Appreciation Week.](#)

April 18, 2015: **Pet Owners Independence Day.**

April 22, 2015: **Earth Day.**

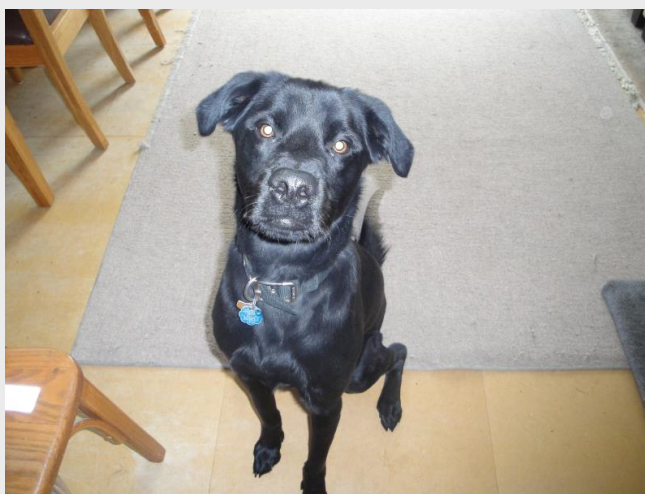
Third week in April: **Animal Cruelty/Human Violence Awareness Week.** An effort by the Humane Society of the United States.

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## The eyes have it: Cats put sight over smell in finding food

ScienceDaily

Cats may prefer to use their eyes rather than follow their nose when it comes to finding the location of food, according to new research by leading animal behaviorists. Felines have a tremendous sense of smell and vision, but the new study by researchers at the University of Lincoln, U.K., has for the first time investigated which sense they prefer to use under test conditions — and suggested sight may be more important than smell. [Read More](#)



Meet Sport, our Featured Pet for April 2015

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

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## From sky to sea, creative pet funeral services emerging

By Lisa Smith-Putnam

Death is a saddening part of life that every human must undergo. In this life, some people have adopted pets

Third week in April:  
**National Pet ID Week.**

April 25, 2015: **World Veterinary Day.** This event from the [World Veterinary Association](#) is always celebrated on the last Saturday in April.

April 25, 2015: **Hairball Awareness Day.**

April 26, 2015: [National Kids and Pets Day.](#)



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and end up caring for them as though they are part of the family. Thus, they award the pets with every ceremony that humans pass through. Even though it is typical to see pets being buried in the backyards of people in the U.S., it is actively becoming an illegal practice in some states. Thus, people who own pets are looking for ways they can pay tribute to their lost animals. [Read More](#)

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## **11 reasons your crazy cat obsession makes you happier and healthier**

The Huffington Post

Feline fans, rejoice: Your cat isn't just a cute and cuddly ball of fluff — he's also incredibly good for your health. Even pet owners who prefer puppies can't deny the major benefits that come along with caring for a furry friend of either species. Science shows that pets can help prevent allergies in kids, ward off respiratory infections, improve your mood and even boost self-esteem. [Read More](#)

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*"A house is not a home without a pet." Anonymous*

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## **Dogs that do more**

Pet Age

According to the APPA National Pet Owners Survey, 13 percent of dog owners and 8 percent of cat owners get assistance and therapy from their pet. These pets are known as service animals. Retailers should be aware of multiple reasons for pet ownership and be able to provide the right products and care for a service animal. [Read More](#)

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### Fun facts about pets:

It has been established that people who own pets live longer, have less stress, and have fewer heart attacks.

A quarter of cat guardians blow dry their cats after bathing them.

Pekingese dogs were sacred to the emperors of China for more than 2,000 years. They are one of the oldest breeds of dogs in the world.

Calico cats are nearly always female.

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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://www.undertoons.com).



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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.

During the month of April, the Humane Society of Huron Valley (HSHV) will offer **no-cost spay and neuter surgeries**, plus free rabies vaccinations through the Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) program as part of "Community Cat," PetSmart Charities' spay/neuter campaign to alter **free-roaming cats**.

Put it on your calendar: The Humane Society of Huron Valley's 36th annual Walk & Wag and Run is Saturday, May 16, from 8am to 1pm at Rolling Hills Park. Donate, fund raise, sponsor a team, or just come out and have some fun!

Disaster preparedness, being prepared in case of emergency, is just as important for your pets as it is for your family. And it doesn't mean just preparing for hurricanes, but means preparing for all emergencies, including tornado's, floods, snow storms, power outages and fires too. Pet 'N Play is happy to offer you a **free Disaster Preparedness Guide**. A short reference guide is available, as well as a full 19 page guide!

**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) D - Chihuahua    2) A - cats have 30 teeth, but dogs have 42  
3) Turner and Hooch    4) C - 33%

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