



*"We can judge the heart of a man by his treatment of animals." - Immanuel Kant*



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 The Pet 'N Player,  
 a free monthly newsletter  
 from Pet 'N Play -  
 Your Personal Pet Sitters.  
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### Monthly Poll:

(Click on the question to answer)

[Electronic fences, like Invisible Fence, among others, are becoming more popular. Do you think it is okay to leave a dog unattended outside with only an electronic fence keeping him or her in the yard?](#)

## Dogs can tell happy or angry human faces

LiveScience

If you ever get the impression that your dog can "tell" whether you look content or annoyed, you may be onto something. Dogs may indeed be able to discriminate between happy and angry human faces, according to a new study. Researchers trained a group of 11 dogs to distinguish between images of the same person making either a happy or an angry face. [Read More](#)

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

- 1) Which dog breed was once known as St. John's Newfoundland?  
 A) Newfoundland B) Golden Retriever C) Labrador D) Puli
  
- 2) Outdoor-only cats live, on average, about:  
 A) 3-5 years B) 6-8 years C) 9-11 years D) 12-15 years
  
- 3) What is the name of the dog on the front of the Cracker Jack box?  
 A) Jack B) Max C) Bingo D) Fido
  
- 4) True or False: "Tabby" is the name of a cat breed?

*"There's no need for a piece of sculpture in a home that has a cat." - Wesley Bates*

The results of last month's poll question:

**For superstitious reasons, among others, black cats (and black dogs too for that matter) are adopted at a much lower rate than any other color pet. For your next pet would you consider getting a black cat or dog?**

Apparently there are very few superstitious people, as everyone said yes, they would consider a black cat or dog for their next pet!

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### **March Pet Holidays:**

**Poison Prevention Awareness Month.**

**Adopt a Rescued Guinea Pig Month.**

March 1-7, 2015:

[Professional Pet Sitters Week.](#)

March 3, 2015: **If Pets Had Thumbs Day.**

March 5-8, 2015: [Crufts.](#)  
Held in Birmingham, England, this is the world's largest dog show, featuring nearly 28,000 canines in its four days.

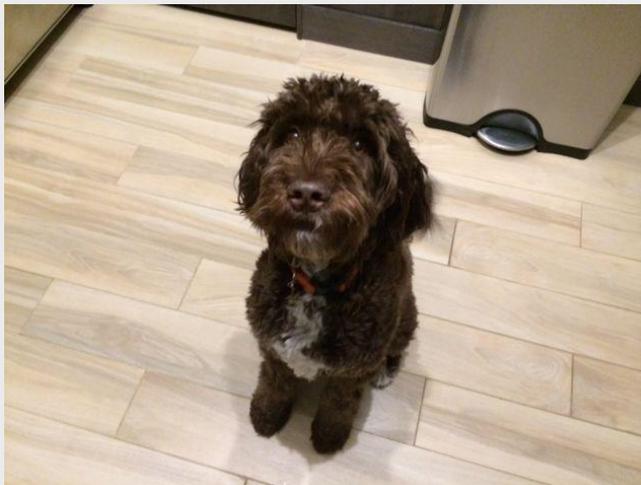
March 7, 2015: [Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race](#) **begins.**  
Called "The Last Great Race on Earth," this grueling race travels along a path that alternates between two paths,

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## **Cats look to their owners for guidance, just like dogs**

Mother Nature Network

Cats often get a bad rap for being aloof or showing disdain for their owners, but a recent study challenges that stereotype and shows that our feline friends rely on us for emotional cues. Research has shown that dogs look to their owners to determine how to react to an unfamiliar object, a phenomenon known as social referencing. [Read More](#)



Meet Rosie, our Featured Pet for March 2015

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

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## **Senior pets, supplements and pet food**

Pet Age

Just as boomers are reaching their golden years, animals are achieving much longer life spans, thanks largely to the devoted care of the boomer generation.

changing in even and odd years. The race crosses two mountain ranges in conditions that range from 30 degrees above to 30 degrees below zero.

March 15-21, 2015:

[National Poison Prevention Week.](#)

March 23: [National Puppy Day.](#)



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Senior pets continue to be a fast growing segment of the pet industry and, as a result, supplements are expected to continue their remarkable growth.

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## **Weight management for pets: A key ingredient for a long, healthy life**

By Jennifer Adolphe

Did you know that an estimated 22-44 percent of pets are substantially heavier than their ideal body weight?

One of the most important things we can do to protect the long-term health of our pets is helping them maintain a healthy weight. Obesity is a significant risk factor for many life-threatening diseases that affect dogs and cats. For example, diabetes and obesity in cats often go hand-in-hand, and in dogs even a slight increase in weight has been shown to decrease their lifespan by about two years. [Read More](#)

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*"You think dogs will not be in heaven? I tell you, they will be there long before any of us." - Robert Louis Stevenson*



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## **The 3 surprising ways 'pet parents' are treating their pets like humans**

## The Huffington Post

Could today's children experience "sibling rivalry" — with the family dog? As an increasing number of Americans consider their pets to be like children — and themselves to be "pet parents" — the concept of sibling rivalry is taking on a whole new dimension. [Read More](#)

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### Fun facts about pets:

The penalty for killing a cat, 4,000 years ago in Egypt, was death.

At the end of the Beatles' song "A Day in the Life," an ultrasonic whistle, audible only to dogs, was recorded by Paul McCartney for his Shetland Sheepdog.

A cat's hearing rates as one of the top in the animal kingdom. Cats can hear sounds as high-pitched as 65 kHz; a human's hearing stops at just 20 kHz.

Contrary to popular belief, dogs do not sweat by salivating. They sweat through the pads of their feet.

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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.

The first week of March, 1-7, is Professional Pet Sitters Week. It's a good time for us to reflect

on all the dogs, cats, birds, fish, snakes, guinea pigs, chinchillas and frogs we have gotten to know. We are thankful to all our clients, and look forward to meeting many more dogs, cats, birds...

This month's Featured Pet, Rosie, is a cute Goldendoodle puppy. See more pictures of her, and of our past Featured Pets, on our Facebook page. And learn more about them [on our web site here](#).

March is here, which means Spring is right around the corner!

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) C - Labrador    2) A - 3-5 years (contrast this with about 15 years for indoor cats!)  
3) C - Bingo    4) False

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