



"All of the animals except for man know that the principle business of life is to enjoy it." - Samuel Butler



Welcome to
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)

[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](#)

Things you can do today to make your dog happier

Vetstreet.com via Care2

After the holidays, as you're hustling to get back into the swing of your normal, everyday life, you might feel a wee bit guilty that you're not spending as much quality time with your pup as you'd like. And those puppy dog eyes she's giving you aren't making it any easier, are they? But you know what? Guilt really doesn't do you or your pet any good, so instead of beating yourself up about not spending the whole day at the dog park, follow some simple tips in this article.

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This month's pet trivia (answers below):

1) Which dog breed is not part of the working group?

- A) Bloodhound
- B) Bernese Mountain Dog
- C) Doberman
- D) Great Dane

2) Which of these cat breeds has long hair?

- A) Ocicat
- B) Havana Brown
- C) Russian Blue
- D) Himalayan

3) Which is the only dog that cannot bark, also known as the African Wolf Dog?

- A) Basenji
- B) Vizsla
- C) Rhodesian Ridgeback
- D) Komondor

[next pet would you consider getting a black cat or dog?](#)

The results of last month's poll question:

With all the options out there, where did you get your last pet (or if you prefer, where are you planning to get your next pet)?

50% of you bought from a reputable breeder, while 50% adopted from a local shelter!

February Pet Holidays:

Spay/Neuter Awareness Month. (Humane Society of the United States)

[Pet Dental Health Month.](#)

[Responsible Pet Owners Month.](#)

Adopt a Rescued Rabbit Month.

National Prevent a Litter Month.

Unchain a Dog Month.

Feb. 7-14, 2015: [Have a Heart for Chained Dogs Week.](#)

Feb. 14, 2015: [Pet Theft Awareness Day.](#)

Feb. 15-21, 2015: [National Justice for Animals Week.](#)

Feb. 16-17, 2015: [Westminster Kennel Club Annual Dog Show.](#) Held at

4) Which breed of cat is the largest?

A) Savannah B) Maine Coon C) Ragdoll D) Siberian

"I've met many thinkers and many cats, but the wisdom of cats is infinitely superior." - Hippolyte Taine

5 reasons life is better for cat people

Business Insider

In the age-old battle between cat lovers and dog lovers, there may never be a clear winner. Science demonstrates that both cats and dogs can provide health and social benefits to humans — and both cat owners and dog owners are quick to tell you how much their preferred pet improves their happiness and quality of life. [Read More](#)



Meet Luke, our Featured Pet for February 2015

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

New York City's Madison Square Garden, this event is televised.

Feb. 20, 2015: **Love Your Pet Day.**

Feb. 22, 2015: **Walking the Dog Day.**

Feb. 23, 2015: **International Dog Biscuit Appreciation Day.**

Feb. 24, 2015: [World Spay Day](#). Annual campaign by the Humane Society International and The Humane Society of the United States; held the last Tuesday of February.

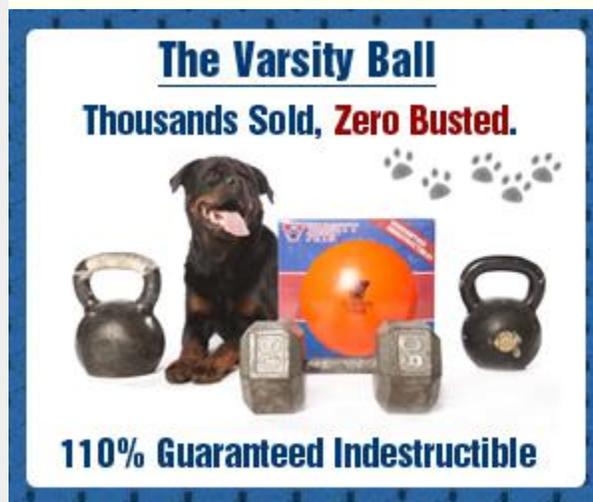


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Exercising pets helps avoid fat cat and pudgy pooch

Phys.Org

This time of year, busy schedules and frequently frigid weather make it harder to stick with healthy habits, such as taking the dog for a walk. Yet finding ways to exercise your dog and cat during the winter can benefit the whole family, and save your pet from becoming a fat cat or a pudgy pooch. [Read More](#)



Wearables catch up with pets in the shape of monitoring collars

ITWorld

Humans won't be the only ones getting the wearable treatment at this year's International CES show, but pets too. Binatone, a maker of home monitoring products, recently unveiled a new smart collar for dogs that can let owners track, train and communicate with their pets remotely. [Read More](#)

"Animals are such agreeable friends - they ask no questions, they pass no criticisms." - George Elliot

10 tips to keep your pet safe in cold weather

The Huffington Post

The author recommends twice-yearly veterinary exams for all pets, and especially seniors, so making one of those visits in the fall or early winter is a good way to insure your dog, cat or other companion is in good shape before the cold weather arrives. The author also provides recommendations on ID tags, keeping your pet indoors versus outdoors and more. [Read More](#)

Fun facts about pets:

A cat uses its whiskers to determine if a space is too small to squeeze through. The whiskers act as feelers or antennae, helping the animal to judge the precise width of any passage.

Developed in Egypt about 5,000 years ago, the greyhound breed was known before the ninth century in England, where it was bred by aristocrats to hunt such small game as hares.

A cat's brain is more similar to a human's brain than that of a dog.

For Stephen King's "Cujo" (1983), five St. Bernard's were used, one mechanical head, and an actor in a dog costume to play the title character.

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.

Warmer weather may still be months away, but the Humane Society of Huron Valley (HSHV) wants you to **“Beat the Heat”** by spaying your cat in advance of her heat cycle and preventing unwanted litters from being born this spring. Animal shelters commonly refer to spring time as “kitten season” because that is when they receive the largest influx of unwanted litters of kittens.

That’s why the Humane Society of Huron Valley is offering a special **“Beat the Heat”** campaign sponsored by [PetSmart Charities](#), the largest funder of animal welfare efforts in North America. Through this campaign, the Humane Society of Huron Valley will provide \$20 spay surgeries for female cats during the month of February.

[Find out more here](#)

For the second time in six years, Pet 'N Play will be closing for a long weekend vacation! We will not be taking any reservations from February 13-16. Hope you all get to enjoy some time off this year too!

This month's Featured Pet, Luke, is a gorgeous Llewelyn Setter. See more pictures of him, and of our past Featured Pets, on our Facebook page. And learn more about them [on our web site here](#).

Cold weather is here, so be sure to read the cold weather tips in our newsletter to keep your pets safe.

Hope everyone is off to a very happy new year!

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

Trivia answers:

1) A - Bloodhound 2) D - Himalayan 3) A - Basenji 4) A - Savannah

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