

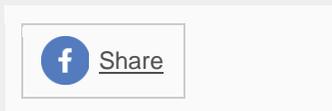


*"Don't accept your dog's admiration as conclusive evidence that you are wonderful."* - Ann Landers



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The Pet 'N Player,  
a free monthly newsletter  
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**Monthly Poll:**

(Click on the question to answer)

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

**9 ways pets improve our lives**

The Huffington Post

November is "Adopt a Senior Pet Month," and adopting a pet isn't just good for your pet; it's good for you, too. Check out the nine scientifically-researched ways that pets improve the lives of their human companions in this article. [Read More](#)

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

- 1) Which breed does NOT belong in the Toy group?  
A) Italian Greyhound   B) Poodle   C) Silky Terrier   D) Lhasa Apso
- 2) What is the largest type of cat?
- 3) This dog originated in France, and its name means "butterfly."
- 4) How much of their waking hours do cats spend grooming themselves?  
A) 10%   B) 20%   C) 33%   D) 66%

*"Until one has loved an animal, a part of one's soul remains unawakened."* - Anatole France

The results of last month's poll question:

**Considering all the medical advancements, and ever increasing costs, how much would you be willing to pay for medical treatment for your pet?**

50% of you would pay between \$2000-\$5000, while 50% have NO LIMIT!!

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### **January Pet Holidays:**

[National Train Your Dog Month](#)

**Walk Your Pet Month.**

**Adopt a Rescued Bird Month.**

Jan. 2, 2015: [National Pet Travel Safety Day.](#)

Jan. 14, 2015: **National Dress Up Your Pet Day.**

Jan. 22, 2015: **National Answer Your Cat's Question Day.**

Jan. 24, 2015: **Change a Pet's Life Day.**

Jan. 29, 2015: **Seeing Eye Guide Dog Birthday.**

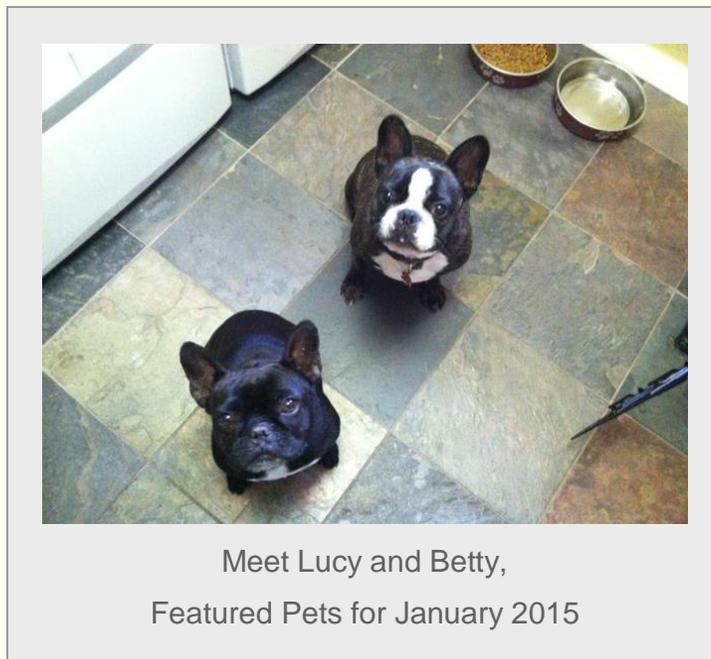
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## **The world's best dogs, according to math**

Fast Company

London-based data journalist and information designer David McCandless has created some of the most thought-provoking data visualizations of the past few years. Now, he turns his hand to a decidedly more lighthearted topic: what dog breed is quantitatively the best? [Read More](#)

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## **Get to know the Egyptian Mau: A sensitive cat with a wild look**

Catster

Although the Egyptian Mau bears a striking resemblance to the African wildcat, and cats have shared homes and lives with Egyptians for millennia, the actual origins of the Mau are lost to time. However, papyri and frescoes dating back as far as 1,550 B.C.



show spotted cats in the company of humans.

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## 18 things you didn't know about dog paws

Mother Nature Network

While the eyes, ears and tails of your dog may get most of the attention for their expressiveness, don't underestimate the power of paws! Aside from just being awfully sweet, the paws are wonderfully designed appendages that enable canines to perform their feats of doggie derring-do. Whether slender and elegant, bold and athletic or floppy and furry, a dog's trotters are a fascinating study in anatomy and adaptation.

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***"A dog is the only thing on earth that will love you more than you love yourself" - Josh Billings***

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## 5 tips for running with your dog

DogTime

For many people, jogging and running with their dogs is not only a great way to get some exercise, but it's also an opportunity to spend quality time with their pets. If you want to get some fresh air while running with your dog, you also have to keep in mind

your pet's own limitations and make safety a top priority. Running can be the perfect activity to enjoy with your dog, as long as you keep the tips in this article in mind before you head out to jog the next time. [Read More](#)

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#### Fun facts about pets:

A cat's tail plays a vital part in the cat's balance and in the "righting reflex" that allows it to land on its feet after falling from a height.

Some 39% of pet guardians say they have more photos of their pet than of their spouse, and only 21% say they have more photos of their spouse than of their pet.

A large majority of white cats with blue eyes are deaf; white cats with only one blue eye are deaf only in the ear closest to the blue eye.

The Canary Islands were not named for a bird called a canary, they were named after a breed of large dogs; The Latin name was Canariae insulae - "Island of Dogs."

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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](#).



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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.

Get ready for humor and heartbreak as HSHV hosts a production of "Steel Magnolias" at

the wonderful Purple Rose Theatre in Chelsea. This Jan. 22nd event will help raise funds for homeless and abused animals served by the Humane Society of Huron Valley. The curtain goes up at 7:00pm and will be preceded by a reception of appetizers and beverages (including wine) beginning at 5:30pm. Tickets for the event are \$75. [Click here to find out more or to purchase tickets.](#)

With 2015 upon us, it's a good time to look back at last year. We had a very good year, and hope you all did too. But we also lost some friends along the way - pets that we came to know and love: Midnight, Gypsy, Divot (too young), Mia (a blind, diabetic, sweetheart of a dog), Lilly, Cori, Bam Bam, Curious George, Sakki, History, Picco, Roxy, Mason, Daisy, Luigi, Cho, and Katie. Space prohibits us from telling you about each of them, but you can [see their pictures here.](#)

As we look ahead we hope to add much more to our web site this year. We are now working on an adoptable pets page. Currently there are only Adopt-A-Pet and Petfinder listings there, but we will be adding all the local shelters and rescues to help you find your next companion. And there is much more coming.

Until then, **have a safe and 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](mailto:info@pet-n-play.com)

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**Trivia answers:**

1) D - Lhasa Apso    2) Tiger (trick question!)    3) Pappillon    4) C - 33%

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