

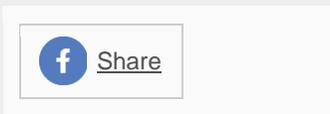


"Don't accept your dog's admiration as conclusive evidence that you are wonderful." - Ann Landers



Welcome to The Pet 'N Player, a free monthly newsletter from Pet 'N Play - Your Personal Pet Sitters. We hope you enjoy it!

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Monthly Poll:

(Click on the question to answer)

[Do you agree that certain dog breeds should be banned?](#)

The results of last month's poll question:

Does your pet sleep in your bed with you?

Do owners influence a dog's behavior?

Pets4Homes

Although inherited genes form a great part of how a dog behaves, outside influences can have a bearing on their behavior too, and this includes how they think and reason things through as well as how they may react to stimuli. Outside influences can even mold a dog's attitude. It would be fair to say that no two dogs which boast similar inherited genes would lead the same type of life. [Read More](#)

This month's pet trivia (answers below):

1) A cat will never break a sweat because it has no sweat glands?

A) True B) False

2) Which breed is NOT part of the sporting group?

A) Brittany B) English Setter C) Collie D) Vizsla

3) All of the following are the names of cat breeds, EXCEPT:

A) Balinese B) Beauceron C) Birman D) Burmilla

4) How many types of pure breed dogs are there?

A) 62 B) 245 C) 701 D) More than I can count

90% of you said yes, at least occasionally!

October Pet Holidays:

[Adopt-A-Dog Month®](#). By American Humane Association.

[Adopt-a-Shelter Dog Month](#). By ASPCA.

National Animal Safety and Protection Month. By Redrover.

National Pet Wellness Month.

October 1-7: **National Walk Your Dog Week.**

October 4: **World Animal Day**

October 12-18: [National Veterinary Technician Week](#). Sponsored by the National Association of Veterinary Technicians of America.

October 16: [National Feral Cat Day](#).

October 25: [National Pit Bull Awareness Day](#).

October 28: **Plush Animal Lovers Day.** A day that most dogs will be happy to celebrate...as they unstuff them...



"If your dog is fat, you aren't getting enough exercise." - Anonymous

Treating your senior pet's aches and pains

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It's so easy to tell when your animals — even older pets — are happy or joyous. You know that they are glad to see you, or excited about going for a walk or passionate about chasing a laser toy. But there's one thing they will hide from people at all costs: that they're in pain.

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Meet Gigi, Featured Pet for October 2014

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More Americans living alone and have greater number of pets

The Denver Post

The number of Americans living alone is growing and so is the number of singles who have pets, statistics

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show. But while the benefits of animal companions are well documented, there's also a potential downside, experts say. To avoid it, single dwellers need to think through their impulse to pair up with an animal and be ready to provide a pet with healthy environment, they add. [Read More](#)



"I had been told that the training procedure with cats was difficult. It's not. Mine had me trained in two days." - Bill Dana

Pets and high-blood pressure

KCBS-TV

High-blood pressure or hypertension is a fairly common condition in cats and dogs. Dr. Jennifer Scarlett with the San Francisco SPCA recommends blood pressure is checked at every veterinarian visit. The causes aren't really the same as in humans and are usually due to a secondary disease process. [Read More](#)

Fun facts about pets:

A cat can be either right-pawed or left-pawed.

An American Animal Hospital Association poll showed that 33 percent of dog owners admit that they talk to their dogs on the phone or leave messages on an answering machine while away.

Americans spend more on cat food than on baby food.

An estimated 1 million dogs in the United States have been named the primary beneficiary in their guardian's will.

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](#).



"What's that, Fifi? Henderson's an incompetent boob?!
Fifi, that's not very nice."



"He'll be with you in just a minute. Would you like a
cat while you're waiting?"

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Pet Sitter's Corner

We are happy to announce the start of our fifth annual Presents 4 Pets campaign!

Presents 4 Pets is a nationwide annual collection drive benefiting pets in shelters. Presents 4 Pets is sponsored by the National Association of Professional Pet Sitters (of which we are members), and will run until the first week of November, coinciding with the **Humane Society of the United States' National Animal Shelter Appreciation Week**, observed **November 2-8, 2014**.

As we did last year, we will be collecting food, supplies and money for the Humane Society of Huron Valley and SASHA Farm Animal Sanctuary (located in Manchester, it is the largest farm animal sanctuary in the Midwest). Last year we collected over \$1000 in cash and supplies for the Humane Society, and almost \$700 for SASHA Farm. Let's do better this year!

[Click here to learn more](#), and thank you in advance!

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 - True 2) C - Collie 3) B - Beauceron is the name of a dog breed 4) C - 701

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