

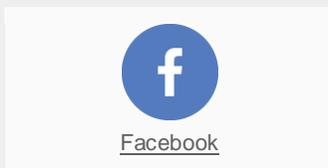


"An animal's eyes have the power to speak a great language." - Martin Buber



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Monthly Poll:

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[Does your pet sleep in your bed with you?](#)

September Pet Holidays

Heat not only summer hazard to pets

The Herald-News

During a recent trip, Scott Keller's vehicle broke a coolant line and spurted antifreeze everywhere. While changing the part, Keller — the veterinary medical technology department chairman at Joliet Junior College — was careful not to spill chemicals on the ground. Ethylene glycol is sweet, he said, a lethal bee-to-honey magnet for wildlife, and just one of several warm-weather dangers that pet owners may not consider. [Read More](#)

This month's pet trivia (answers below):

- 1) A term for a group of kittens is:
A) Kaggle B) Kindle C) Nook D) Kaboodle
- 2) A term for a group of cats is:
A) Caggle B) Covey C) Clutch D) Clowder
- 3) Which dog yodels instead of barks?
A) Komondor B) Otterhound C) Basenji D) Basset Hound
- 4) In Greek mythology, what is the distinguishing factor on the guard dog Cerberus?
A) His head grows back if it is cut off B) He had three heads
C) He liked to eat small children D) He had a giant spiked collar

National Disaster Preparedness Month. Led by FEMA's *Ready* Campaign, Citizen Corps and The Advertising Council, this effort encourages individuals, families, businesses and communities to work together and take action to prepare for emergencies. Visit Ready.gov and CitizenCorps.gov.

Second Sunday in September. **National Pet Memorial Day.** Established by the International Association of Pet Cemeteries (IAPC).

4th week in September: **National Dog Week.**

Last full week in September. [Deaf Pet Awareness Week.](#) By Petfinder.com.

Sept. 23, 2014: **Dogs in Politics Day (also known as Checkers Day).** Recognizing the dogs of politicians.

Sept. 28, 2014: [World Rabies Day.](#) Sponsored by the Global Alliance for Rabies Control.



"I like pigs. Dogs look up to us. Cats look down on us. Pigs treat us as equals." - Winston Churchill

More than 70 percent of apartment renters own pets, survey finds

The Los Angeles Times

More than 70 percent of apartment renters reported owning pets, with cats and dogs as the most popular types, according to a survey released recently. Despite the high pet ownership numbers, the survey by Apartments.com found that it may still be hard for renters to find a pet-friendly apartment. Nearly two-thirds of pet owners in 2014 reported having some difficulty finding an apartment that allows pets, but the rental listing website said that may be changing.

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Meet Louie, the Featured Pet for September 2014.

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Aging pets: 'When a puppy isn't a puppy anymore'

The News Journal

Slowing down is a normal sign of aging, which in a healthy pet can happen so slowly that you don't really notice until it slaps you in the face. Other signs your pet is aging include sleeping more, tiring more quickly when playing and a graying muzzle. It's always important to take your pets to the veterinarian for a wellness checkup once a year, but it becomes especially so as they hit their middle years since your vet can spot early the signs of age-related ailments and diseases and help you combat them. [Read More](#)



Is pet health insurance really worth it?

By Lauren Swan

Going to the veterinarian's office is never a pleasant experience if your cat is ill — particularly if you are on a budget. Then there is always the "what if" scenario, where you might wind up in the ER with your pet. One night in the pet hospital, on average, will run you \$600-\$700. So what should you do? Anyone with a pet understands that you can't just leave them to suffer. They have to be taken care of, but how on earth can you plan for an emergency situations? Two words: pet insurance. [Read More](#)

"The difference between friends and pets is that friends we allow into our company, pets we allow into our solitude." - Robert Brault

Protect your pets from predators

Idaho Press-Tribune

As caring pet owners, we do everything possible to keep our pets out of harm's way. However, with more wooded and natural areas being developed into neighborhoods and businesses, wild animals have fewer places to reside. Birds of prey, such as hawks and eagles, can pose a serious threat to cats and other small animals, and depending on where you live, coyotes and mountain lions may also be a danger. Since we share our habitat with wild animals, learning how to prevent an attack can make all the difference. [Read More](#)

Fun facts about pets:

A cat's ear pivots 180 degrees.

The first seeing-eye dog was presented to a blind person on April 25, 1938.

Cats can donate blood to other cats.

The expression "three dog night" originated with the Eskimos and means a very cold night - so cold that you have to bed down with three dogs to keep warm.

Celebrating 'Check the Chip Day' with happy pet reunion stories

The Huffington Post

Realizing a beloved animal is missing is every pet parent's nightmare — this is where microchips can make all the difference. A microchip is a device about the size of a grain of rice implanted between his shoulder blades. If your pet gets lost and winds up at an animal shelter or veterinary hospital, the staff can scan his microchip, learn his chip's unique number and find your contact information. [Read More](#)

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](#).



Start-ups work on biotech drugs for pets

The New York Times

Judging by some of the heavy action in the world of biotechnology, one could easily conclude that the industry is going to the dogs. Or cats, maybe. There are start-ups named Nexvet and VetDC, CanFel Therapeutics and even Fetch Pharma. It's a new example of pack behavior: entrepreneurs with pedigrees from companies like Genentech and Amgen are now turning their attention to pets. They hope to develop innovative drugs for dogs and cats like those that have revolutionized the treatment of diseases like cancer and arthritis in people. [Read More](#)



Dog treats made in China connected to 1,000 pet deaths

Daily Finance

Buying consumer products made in China has long been an American tradition. It comes down to dollars and cents. If a Chinese-made product is selling for less than an American-made one, there's a good chance we'll buy it. But when it comes to pet food, saving a few bucks upfront has cost a lot of Americans dearly. [Read More](#)

Pet Sitter's Corner

Hello, and welcome to the Pet Sitter's Corner. Each month we will keep you up to date on local events, what's new with us, web site additions, and answer any questions you may have. Speaking of our web site, you may have noticed a few ads in this newsletter. We have picked out some unique companies that carry pet products for dog and cats, and the people that love them. You will find high end products for your pets, gifts and apparel for

pet lovers, training products, herbal and natural pet products and remedies, fitness products, DNA testing, pet insurance, art and more. And we will be adding more over the next month. [Check out the products here.](#)

Also new this month is our monthly poll. There will be a new question every month, with last month's responses below. You may also find our monthly poll question on our Facebook page and on our web site.

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: newsletters@pet-n-play.com

Trivia answers:

1) B - Kindle 2) D - Clowder 3) C - Basenji 4) B - He had three heads

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