



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

This month's pet trivia (answers below):

- 1) A cat has how many whiskers on average?
 - A) 8
 - B) 12
 - C) 16
 - D) 24

- 2) Which brain is the cat's brain most similar to?
 - A) Dog's
 - B) Human's

- 3) Normal adult dogs have how many teeth?
 - A) 24
 - B) 38
 - C) 42
 - D) 32

- 4) What breed of dog is the smallest used in hunting?
 - A) Chihuahua

Secondhand smoke as harmful to pets as it is to people

The Associated Press via The Kansas City Star

Ten years ago, Shirley Worthington rushed Tigger to the vet when the dog's mouth started bleeding. When she was told he had cancer, she knew to blame her heavy smoking, an addiction she couldn't kick until after her pet died. Secondhand smoke can cause lung and nasal cancer in dogs, malignant lymphoma in cats and allergy and respiratory problems in both animals, according to studies done at Tufts University's School of Veterinary Medicine in Massachusetts, Colorado State University and other schools. [Read More](#)

Smart Feeder with 'cat facial-recognition' tech lets you track kitty's appetite

Mashable

Cat owners who worry about their furry friend's eating habits can breathe a sigh of relief. A startup based in San Mateo, California, has created Bistro, a smart feeder that can track your kitty's appetite and weight change using "cat facial-recognition technology." Bistro has a built-in camera that monitors a cat as it eat and drinks, transmitting a live video feed, which owners can view on their smartphone using the Bistro app. The device also measures and charts the amount of food and water a cat is consuming, so owners can easily

- B) Miniature Dachshund
 - C) Toy Poodle
 - D) Smooth Fox Terrier
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August Pet Holidays:

Aug. 1: **DOGust Universal Birthday for Shelter Dogs.**

The North Shore Animal League America, the world's largest no-kill animal rescue and adoption organization, declared August 1 as a birthday for all the shelter animals whose birthdays are unknown. Happy DOGust!!

Aug. 5: **Work Like a Dog Day.**

Aug. 3-9, 2014:

[International Assistance Dog Week.](#)

August 8-10, 2014: **World Dog Show**, Finland. This large show is hosted by a different county every year.

Aug. 16, 2014:

International Homeless Animals' Day. From the [International Society for Animal Rights.](#)

Aug. 17, 2014: **National Black Cat Appreciation Day.**

Aug. 26, 2014: **National Dog Day.** From the Animal Miracle Network, National Dog Day celebrates shelter dogs.

notice strange behavior.

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Meet Marla, the Featured Pet for August 2014.

Standards issued for pet safety harnesses

ConsumerAffairs

It's the first attempt to devise industry-wide standards for pet safety devices. There are all kinds of safety devices for pets but it's not easy for consumers to evaluate just how effective a given device really is. The Center for Pet Safety hopes to change that. [Read More](#)

Tips on how to introduce a baby to pets

The Post and Courier

There are several steps that can be taken to reduce the stress of an upcoming baby's arrival. The more stressed your pet is the more likely they are to injure the baby or develop other behavioral problems.

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Why should pets get a microchip and how does it work?

Penobscot Bay Pilot

Microchipping your pet involves implanting a chip with your contact information in your pet's shoulder area. The chip can be read by scanner at most animal shelters and is an excellent way to reunite lost pets with their families — as long as you keep providing the chip company with updated information. [Read More](#)

Nail trimming for pets

Penobscot Bay Pilot

Nail trimming is an important part of a regular grooming routine. If your pet's nails get too long, they can break, which is painful and sometimes results in infection. Long nails can also cause an irregular gait that leads to skeletal damage. [Read More](#)



Pets' amenities rising trend for homebuilders

The Associated Press via The Times of Northwest Indiana

These homes are set apart by their amenities — for dogs. Standard Pacific Homes is building and selling these homes in 27 of its 190 developments from Florida to California and is believed to be the first to offer a pet suite as an option in every one. The most lavish suite is a 170-square-foot pet paradise with a step-in wash station, handheld sprayer and leash lead; tile walls and floors and more. [Read More](#)

Cat poop parasite shows promise in treating cancer

Discovery News

A kitty poop parasite has led to a treatment that wipes out cancer in lab tests, including aggressive melanoma and ovarian cancer, preliminary studies have found. By itself, the single-celled parasite, *Toxoplasma gondii*, is bad news because it can cause illness in infected people and cats. It thrives in the intestines of cats and then comes out the other end. [Read More](#)

Trivia answers:

- 1) D - 24 whiskers 2) B - more like a human's brain than a dog's brain
 - 3) C - 42 4) B - Miniature Dachshund
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