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*"Everything I know I learned from my cat: When you're hungry, eat. When you're tired, nap in a sunbeam. When you go to the vet's, pee on your owner."* - Gary Smith



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The Pet 'N Player,  
a free monthly newsletter  
from Pet 'N Play -  
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## Monthly Poll!

(Click on the question to answer)

[Is your pet in your will?](#)

Last month's question: **Do you give your pet(s) a**

## [Cats Share Their Top New Year's Resolutions](#)

Vetstreet



Cats, as all feline-loving folk can attest, are perfectionists. Sure, 2016 was good. But 2017 can be even better — perfect, even! Here are some of the top resolutions we are sure our own cats are making.

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

- 1) What is a dog living in a fully wild state referred to as?  
A) Mutt B) Feral C) Stray D) Cujo
- 2) What is catnip?  
A) An herb B) a mineral C) a nut D) a toy
- 3) Rank these dog breeds according to their height, from largest to

**Christmas/holiday present?  
And, if so, do they open it  
themselves?**

The results: Though not a lot of responses, everyone said that their pets get a present, but it is not wrapped.

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**January Pet Holidays:**

[National Train Your Dog Month.](#)

**Walk Your Pet Month.**

**Adopt a Rescued Bird Month.**

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

Jan. 14: [National Dress Up Your Pet Day.](#)

Jan. 22: [National Answer Your Cat's Question Day.](#)

Jan. 24: [Change a Pet's Life Day.](#)  
(TBA)

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

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**We have a new feature:**

[Adoptable  
Pet of the Month!](#)

From the Humane Society of  
Huron Valley

Meet Angelo

smallest:

Jack Russell Terrier, Maltese, American Bulldog, Great Dane, Mastiff

4) According to National Geographic, which pet did the ancient Egyptians find most special?

A) Bird B) Cat C) Dog D) Parrot

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*"You can say any fool thing to a dog, and the dog will give you this look that says, 'My God, you're right! I NEVER would've thought of that!'" - Dave Barry*

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**[Why Does My Dog Like Some People and Not Others?](#)**

**Modern Dog Magazine**

Ever wonder why your dog gravitates towards some of your friends and not others? Research has shown that dogs are continually monitoring the social interactions their owners have with other people—and using this information to form opinions. [Read More](#)

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See all the adoptable pets of the month on our web site [here](#)



Meet Argyle and Patty -  
Featured Pets for January 2017!

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## **Mixed Mutts and Designer Crosses: Healthier Than Purebred Pets?**

Vetstreet

According to conventional wisdom, mixed-breed dogs and cats are healthier than their purebred counterparts. On the surface, it makes sense: Dip too often into a shallow gene pool and the pet is more likely to inherit health problems. So mixing things up between breeds should create healthier genetic hybrids, right? [Read More](#)

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*"Of all God's creatures, there is only one that cannot be made slave to the lash. That one is the cat. If man could be crossed with the cat it would improve the man, but it would deteriorate the cat." - Mark Twain*

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## **Premature Graying in Dogs**

TheBark.com



We know that premature gray hair in people is a result of a variety of influences. Many parents swear that their kids are making them go gray. Before and after pictures of U.S. Presidents show an astounding increase in gray hair in eight—or even four—years. Of

course, genetics is also known to play a role, as is disease. A recent study called "[Anxiety and impulsivity: Factors associated with premature graying in dogs](#)" in the journal "Applied Animal Behavior Science" suggests that premature grayness in dogs may be correlated with a number of factors, including some with emotional associations. [Read More](#)

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### Fun facts about pets:

Orange and lemon rinds are offensive to cats. A light rubbing of orange peel on furniture will discourage your cats from using it as a scratching post.

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.

Neutering a cat extends its life span by two or three years.

Dogs' eyes have large pupils and a wide field of vision, making them really good at following moving objects. Dogs also see well in fairly low light.

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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.

One final update to our **Presents 4 Pets campaign**. Our friends at TCF Bank finally came through, and donated \$200! Thanks TCF!

**January 19-22, 2017**

**The Michigan Winter Dog Classic at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi.** The Michigan Winter Dog Classic, Michigan's largest dog show, will host more than 7,000 dogs, 160+ breeds of "man's best friends", throughout the 4-day show, including several

breeds getting ready for the country's premier Westminster Kennel Club Dog show in February. Dogs will be judged on standards set by the American Kennel Club. There will be all sorts of fun events like the barn hunt, dock diving, and "[My Dog Can Do That](#)" - Bring your dog and work together with several AKC professional trainers as they show you how your dog can perform in agility events. To learn more, or to buy tickets, please visit: [www.themichiganwinterdogclassic.com](http://www.themichiganwinterdogclassic.com)

Be sure to check out the new 2017 edition of the Michigan Canine Resource Guide. [www.midogguide.com](http://www.midogguide.com). Published annually, this guide furnishes dog owners and enthusiasts with an all inclusive resource to dog shows and events throughout the year. An extensive contact list of dog clubs, associations and breeders, is contained within. As well as a directory of pet stores and pet services. It is available as of January 1st.

We added a new resource page to our web site: [Non-Profit Service Dog Organizations!](#) These registered 501 (c)3 charities give to those in need all year long. Your support can go a long way! Check out [our website](#) to learn more about them, and donate today!

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**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) B - Feral.    2) A - An herb.  
3) Great Dane, Mastiff, American Bulldog, Jack Russell Terrier, Maltese.    4) B - Cat.

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