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*"If you are a dog and your owner suggests that you wear a sweater...  
suggest that he wear a tail." - Fran Lebowitz*



Welcome to  
The Pet 'N Player,  
a free monthly newsletter  
from Pet 'N Play -  
Your Personal Pet Sitters.  
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### Monthly Poll!

(Click on the question to  
answer)

[Do you talk to your pet\(s\)?](#)

## 6 Signs Your Dog Has You Trained

Vetstreet



Ever get the feeling that it's you, and not your dog, who has been so well-trained? On behalf of all devoted dog lovers and their doted-on doggies, we've put together this handy slideshow to help you determine who really carries the leash in your relationship. [Read More](#)

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

1) Your kitty takes one sniff of the pate de foie gras for which you paid \$20 for a tiny jar and scratches vigorously at the carpet you set her dish on. What is she telling you?

A) Yum, I'm excited to eat this! B) I want to bury this and eat it later C) This stuff smells like poop! It should be buried in my litter box D) I need to sharpen my claws before I dig in

2) The American Pit Bull Terrier was originally bred as a guard dog.

A) True B) False

Last month's question: **Is your pet in your will?**

The results: Though again not a lot of responses, everyone said YES, their pet is in their will!

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### **February Pet Holidays:**

**Beat the Heat Month.**

**Dog Training Education Month.**

[National Cat Health Month.](#)

[Spay/Neuter Awareness Month.](#) (Humane Society of the United States)

[Pet Dental Health Month.](#)

[Responsible Pet Owners Month.](#)

**Adopt a Rescued Rabbit Month.**

**National Prevent a Litter Month.**

**Unchain a Dog Month**

Feb. 12-17: [Have a Heart for Chained Dogs Week.](#)

Feb. 13-14: [Westminster Kennel Club Annual Dog Show.](#) Held at New York City's Madison Square Garden, this event is televised.

Feb. 14: **[Pet Theft Awareness Day.](#)**

3) You are taking your cat to the vet. You wrestle him into his cat carrier and he immediately starts purring loudly. But when you get there he shows definite signs of fear. Why was he purring in the car?

A) He loves seeing the vet    B) He just loves being with you, wherever    C) Cats love going on car rides    D) Cats sometimes purr to comfort themselves and relieve anxiety

4) Because of their great intelligence, Border Collies make excellent pets for "couch potatoes."

A) True    B) False

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*"When I play with my cat, how do I know that she is not passing time with me rather than I with her?" -*

Montaigne

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## **7 Ways To Transform Your Relationship With Your Dog**

Moderndogmagazine.com

It turns out that we've been approaching life with dogs upside down. We've operated under the assumption that a well-mannered dog is a happy, secure dog. But that's backwards. In fact, a happy, secure dog becomes a well-mannered dog. We've been focusing on what a dog does rather than how a dog feels. When dogs feel secure and loved, problem behaviours are largely eliminated. The need for us to direct our dogs' actions becomes dramatically reduced. [Read More](#)

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Feb. 19-25: [National Justice for Animals Week](#).

Feb. 20: **Love Your Pet Day**.

Feb. 22: **Walking the Dog Day**.

Feb. 23: **International Dog Biscuit Appreciation Day**.

Feb. 28: [World Spay Day](#). Annual campaign by the Humane Society International and The Humane Society of the United States; held the last Tuesday of February.

Feb. 28: **Spay Day USA**. Last Tuesday of February.



Meet Molly - Featured Pet for February 2017

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[Adoptable  
Pet of the Month!](#)

From the Humane Society  
of Huron Valley

Meet Roscoe

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

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## The Corporatization of Veterinary Care

TheBark.com

With the announcement this week that Mars Inc. is expanding their pet care empire by purchasing the VCA animal hospital chain, one has to wonder what the impact of this new ownership might have on the state of pet health care. As one of the leading pet food manufacturers (Pedigree, Royal Canin, Whiskas), is Mars move towards corporatizing veterinary facilities cause for concern? [Read More](#)

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*"If your dog doesn't like someone, you probably shouldn't either." - Unknown*

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## How To Exercise With Your Cat

Moderncat.com



New year, new you? This instructional video hilariously illustrates how your cat can be your new best workout buddy (Hand weights? Who needs them!). Or, you know, instead put your feet up and just watch this video and laugh. You're welcome. [See the video](#)

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### Fun facts about pets:

Before the enactment of the 1978 law that made it mandatory for dog owners in New York City to clean up after their pets, approximately 40 million pounds of dog excrement were deposited on the streets every year.

People that are allergic to cats are actually allergic to cat saliva or cat dander. If the cat is bathed regularly, allergic people have a better tolerance to it.

Cats have more than one hundred vocal sounds, while dogs only have about ten.

Sir Isaac Newton, who first described the principle of gravity, also invented the swinging cat door for the convenience of his many cats.

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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](#).



## 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.

Despite some recent warmer weather, winter is here. So be sure to avoid cold weather mistakes with your dog. While some breeds love cold weather, others do not (like Ryder, our Great Dane, and other short hair dogs - think Greyhound here), so be sure they wear coats on your walks. Booties are also a good idea to avoid ice and salt in the paws. And speaking of paws, be sure to clean them after walks. If your dog will be outside less often this time of year, try to give them alternate forms of exercise. And while enjoying that nice warm fire, do not leave it unattended. Better safe than sorry.

In 1877, New York was well on its way to becoming the world's greatest city. This was the year that a group of sporting gentlemen decided that this would be a good time to hold a dog show in Manhattan. It didn't take long before the Westminster Kennel Club, following the lead of its home town, would be on its way to becoming the world's greatest dog show. The 141st annual [Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show](#) is February 13/14!

Still looking for a new pet? Be sure to visit the [adoptable pets](#) page on our web site. You can see the Adoptable Pets of the Month from several shelters, including the Humane Society of Huron Valley (see Roscoe, above).

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!

**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) C - This stuff smells like poop! I should bury it in my litter box. Anytime that something offends your cat's nose, she will want to bury it. This is true even if she liked the item the last time she had it. Cats do not bury food for later snacking but they might hide it so other predators won't come around and grab it. 2) B - False. It was bred to fight other dogs. Because the owners were in the pit along with the dogs, handling them, human-aggressive

animals were not tolerated.

3) D - Cats sometimes purr to comfort themselves and relieve anxiety. Observing domestic cats in many situations, researchers now believe that self-soothing is one of the reasons our small friends purr when injured or stressed. 4) B - False. These bright and active dogs MUST have a job to do or they will become neurotic and obsessive. They need a lot of work every day to be happy. Most are miserable if they just "hang around the house."

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