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*"Cats are intended to teach us that not everything in nature has a purpose." - Garrison Keillor*



Welcome to  
The Pet 'N Player,  
a free monthly newsletter  
from Pet 'N Play -  
Your Personal Pet Sitters.  
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## Are You Playing With Your Cat The Wrong Way?

Moderncat.com



Your cat won't play? Think you've tried everything? Maybe you're doing it wrong! Cats are such agile, stealthy, and athletic predators. The same characteristics that allow a jaguar to ambush prey permit house cats to jump with precision off the sofa. We only need watch cats play to gain an impression of their predatory prowess. And yet many people are unable to get their cats to play at all. This is not actually so remarkable if you watch how they're playing with their cats. In short, they're doing it wrong. [Read More](#)

## Monthly Poll!

(Click on the question to answer)

[Does your pet have a Facebook page?](#)

Last month's question: **Do you talk to your pet(s)?**

The results: Not surprisingly, everyone said yes, all the time!

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### March Pet Holidays:

**Poison Prevention Awareness Month.**

**Adopt a Rescued Guinea Pig Month.**

March 1-7: **Professional Pet Sitters Week.**

March 3: **If Pets Had Thumbs Day.**

March 9-12: **Crufts.** Held in Birmingham, England, this is the world's largest dog show, featuring nearly 28,000 canines in its four days.

March 13: **K-9 Veterans Day.**

March 19-25: **National Poison Prevention Week.**

March 23: **National Puppy Day.**

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

1) Most adult dogs have dental disease?

A) True B) False

2) You need to go to the bathroom, but your cat has to be in there with you. What's this behavior all about?

A) Cats believe the entire house is their territory, bathrooms and all B) He likes the smell of poop C) He likes the sound of running water, and may want a drink D) Cats live in a world of smells and our smells (aah of them) are important to the cat

3) The most common dental disease in dogs is cavities?

A) True B) False

4) What does it mean when a cat lays on it's back with their legs wide open and sleeps?

A) She wants to be brushed B) She wants to be spayed  
C) It is a type of sleep apnea for cats D) She trusts you completely

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*"In order to really enjoy a dog, one doesn't merely try to train him to be semi-human. The point of it is to open oneself to the possibility of becoming partly a dog." - Edward Hoagland*

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### The Calming Effects of Audio Books

Thebark.com

Study finds dogs exhibit resting behavior when listening to books on tape. There's been a lot of research about the impact of music on animals, particularly the calming effect of classical music. But is this calming effect exclusive to classical music or



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[Our Adoptable  
Pet of the Month!](#)  
From the Humane Society  
of Huron Valley

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could it extend to other audio with a pleasing  
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## Pot For Pets

Moderndogmagazine.com



The health benefits of hemp and Cannabidiol (CBD) products are becoming more and more available for our furry friends. They are scientifically-proven to be non-toxic and can

help with a wide variety of health issues (anxiety, seizures, and cancer treatment are just the beginning). [Read More](#)

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*"A meow massages the heart." - Stuart McMillan*

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## How to Get Your Dog's Attention

Thebark.com

Having your dog's attention is one of the most important and underrated aspects of positive dog training. It's obvious when you think about it – how can you train your dog, if your dog doesn't pay attention to you? Luckily, we've come up with three simple and fun exercises designed to help get your dog's attention, making training your dog a little easier.

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### Fun facts about pets:

**The cat is the only animal that walks on its claws, not the pads of its feet.**

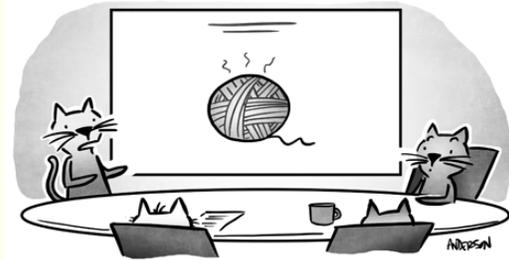
**Dogs may not have as many taste buds as we do (they have about 1,700 on their tongues, while we humans have about 9,000), but that doesn't mean they're not discriminating eaters. They have over 200 million scent receptors in their noses (we have only 5 million) so it's important that their food smells good and tastes good.**

**The ancestor of all domestic cats is the African Wild Cat, which still exists today.**

**French poodles did not originate in France. Poodles were originally used as hunting dogs in Europe. The dogs' thick coats were a hindrance in water and thick brush, so hunters sheared the hindquarters, with cuffs left around the ankles and hips to protect against rheumatism. Each hunter marked his dogs' heads with a ribbon of his own color, allowing groups of hunters to tell their dogs apart.**

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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](#).



"Two words, people - catnip yarn."



"I'm telling you I'm not paranoid! Sometimes he only pretends to throw the ball just to make me look like an idiot!"

## 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.

We don't have any local events for March to report on, but it is never too early to plan to attend (or fund raise for) the **Humane Society of Huron Valley's 38th annual Walk & Wag and Run**. It runs on May 20 at Rolling Hills Park in Ypsilanti, and is their biggest event of the year! Find out event info and how to help out at [HSHV.org](http://HSHV.org).

We created yet another new resource page on our web site: **Pet Food Recalls!** Unfortunately, pet food recalls are a regular fact of life these days. From mold and bacteria (like Salmonella), to toxic substances and actual objects in the food (like metal pieces), the list of contaminants is nearly endless. And while some may just cause an upset stomach, others may be life threatening! **We will post recall information on our Facebook page** when it becomes available, and we keep a current list of recalls on [our web site](#). You may also sign up to receive recall information from the [FDA Recalls and Withdrawals site](#) and [Pet Food Industry.com](#).

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)

### Trivia answers:

1) A - True. Over 80% of adult dogs have noticeable dental disease 2) D - Cats live in a world of smells and our wastes are no more hideous to them than their own. In fact,

because we are top cats in our homes, our smells may seem like a simple announcement of our status to our cats.

3) B - False. It's actually gum inflammation caused by tartar accumulation. The infected gums can send bacteria into the bloodstream, causing many problems.

4) D - She trusts you completely, and feels safe in her house!

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