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"Dogs are our link to paradise. They don't know evil or jealousy or discontent. To sit with a dog on a hillside on a glorious afternoon is to be back in Eden, where doing nothing was not boring - it was peace." - Milan Kundera



Welcome to
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from Pet 'N Play -
Your Personal Pet Sitters.
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Monthly Poll!

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If Dogs Could Talk... 6 Myths They'd Debunk

Vetstreet



Myths about dogs have been swirling around since canines were first domesticated thousands of years ago. And while they are no doubt fascinating and intriguing animals, if given the chance, they would probably like to dispel some of the misconceptions humans have about the species. [Read More](#)

This month's pet trivia (answers below):

1) What is the safest way to administer corticoid medication to an asthmatic cat?

A) Injection B) Pill C) Inhaler D) Osmosis

2) Standard poodles can make good hunting dogs?

answer)

[Do you clip your pet's nails by yourself?](#)

Last month's question:
Does your pet have a Facebook page?

Grumpy cat aside, no one said their pet has a Facebook page!

April Pet Holidays:

National Greyhound Adoption Month.

National Heartworm Awareness Month.

National Pet First Aid Awareness Month. This event is an effort by the American Red Cross to draw attention to the need to know specialized pet first aid.

Prevent Lyme Disease in Dogs Month.

Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Month. (ASCPA)

National Pet Month. (UK)

April 1-7: **International Pooper Scooper Week.** (TBA)

April 1: **Every Day is Tag Day.** Always the first Saturday in April.

A) True B) False

3) What is the most common type of allergy in cats?

A) Food B) Flea C) Pollen D) Environmental

4) Most short-tailed dogs, like Cocker Spaniels, Dobermans and Rottweilers, are born with short tails?

A) True B) False

"Cats are the ultimate narcissists. You can tell this by all the time they spend on personal grooming. Dogs aren't like this. A dog's idea of personal grooming is to roll in a dead fish." - James Gorman

How To Enrich Your Cat's Environment

Moderncat.com



You've gone to great efforts to give your cat the best of everything: you've done your research, feed the best food, and attend to every physical and medical need. But is your cat happy? Veterinary behavioral science has demonstrated that cats need more than shelter, food, and a clean litter box to have a fulfilling life. Cats also need what feline behavioral experts call environmental enrichment. [Read More](#)

April 8: **National Dog Fighting Awareness Day.**

April 11: **National Pet Day.**

April 11: **Dog Therapy Appreciation Day.** (TBA)

April 9-15: **Animal Control Officer Appreciation Week.**

April 16-22: **Animal Cruelty/Human Violence Awareness Week.** An effort by the Humane Society of the United States. Third week in April.

April 16-22: **National Pet ID Week.** Third week in April.

April 18: **Pet Owners Independence Day.**

April 21: **Bulldogs are Beautiful Day.** (TBA)

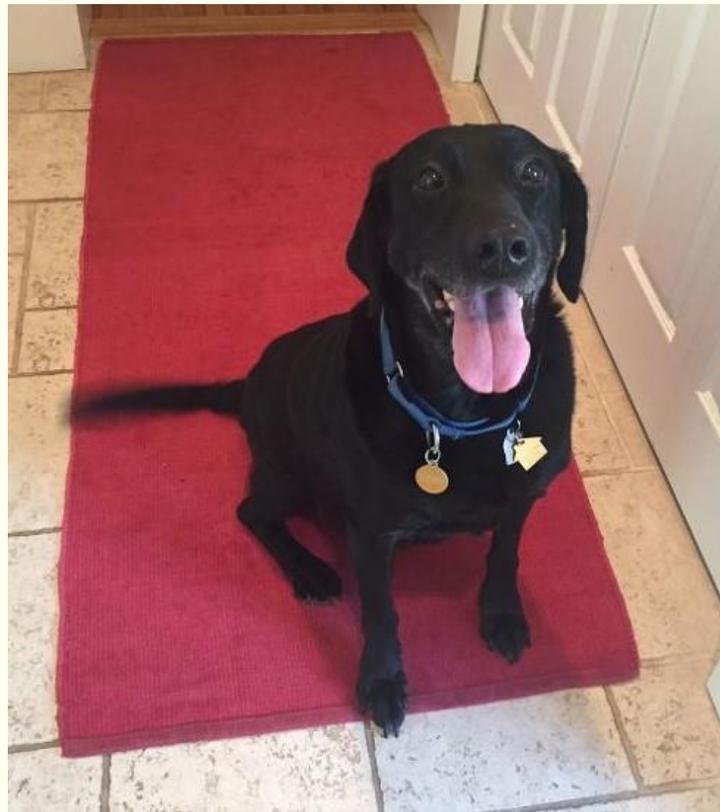
April 22: **Earth Day.**

April 26: **National Kids and Pets Day.**

April 28: **Hairball Awareness Day.** Last Friday in April.

April 29: **World Veterinary Day.** This event from the World Veterinary Association is always celebrated on the last Saturday in April.

April 30: **Adopt a Shelter Pet Day.**



Meet Lily - Our Featured Pet for April 2017!

[See all of our past Featured Pets here!](#)

Victoria Stilwell: How to Deal with Out-Of-Control Barking

The bark.com

Q: My dog's barking is driving me (and my neighbors) crazy. He's a healthy, two-year-old Sheltie mix, and I've been told that it's impossible to train him not to bark—that I should have him surgically debarked, something I find completely appalling. Please tell me there's a way to teach my dog to control his noisy self. [Read More](#)

April 30: **National Tabby Day.** (TBA)



Meet Levi

[Our Adoptable Pet of the Month!](#)

From the Humane Society of Huron Valley

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

"I think we are drawn to dogs because they are the uninhibited creatures we might be if we weren't certain we knew better." - George Bird Evans

Ending The Dog Meat Trade

The bark.com

SOI DOG FOUNDATION, established on the island of Phuket, Thailand, in 2003 by British retirees John and Gill Dalley, is the largest animal welfare organization in Southeast Asia specializing in the treatment and care of street dogs and cats. Annually, the organization treats tens of thousands of sick and injured animals, and sterilizes and vaccinates around 30,000 dogs and cats. In addition to the care and treatment of street animals, [Soi Dog Foundation](#) is fighting to end the dog meat trade in Asia. Having successfully closed the trade in Thailand, where up to 500,000 dogs a year were being trafficked for their meat and skin... [Read More](#)

Fun facts about pets:

Pekingese dogs were sacred to the emperors of China for more than 2,000 years. They are one of the oldest breeds of dogs in the world.

The domestic cat is the only cat species able to hold its tail vertically while walking. All wild cats hold their tails horizontally or tucked between their legs while walking. A tail held high means happiness; a twitching tail is a warning sign; and a tucked tail is a sign of insecurity.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt's most famous canine companion was his Scottish Terrier, Fala, who is part of the Roosevelt Memorial in Washington, D.C. But during Roosevelt's 12 years and one month as president, 11 dogs lived in the White House. They included a Bullmastiff, two red setters, a retriever, a Bulldog, a Llewellyn Setter, a Scotch Terrier, a Great Dane, a Sheepdog, and a German Shepherd who tried to rip the pants off the British Prime Minister.

The color of the points in Siamese cats is heat related. Cool areas are darker. In fact,

Siamese kittens are born white because of the heat inside the mother's uterus before birth. The heat keeps the kittens hair from darkening on the points.

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.

Not much notice on this one: April 1-2, 2017 is the **West Michigan Pet Expo** at Deltaplex Arena, 2500 Turner NW, Grand Rapids, MI. Featuring live animal entertainment, reptile and amphibian exhibit, pony rides, thousands of pet products, a petting zoo, and much more. Tickets are \$10 (\$5 for children, free under 4). More information at: <http://westmichiganstar.iheart.com/features/2017-west-michigan-pet-expo-2812/>

And it is still 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.

Our new **Pet Food Recalls** page has been busy, unfortunately! Be sure to follow us on Facebook to keep up to date on the latest recalls. **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](#).

Check out the April pet holidays - lots to celebrate this month, like International Pooper Scooper Week, National Greyhound Adoption Month, and of course National Pet Day!

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

Trivia answers:

- 1) C - Inhaler. It goes right where it is supposed to go, with no other organs compromised, and little chance of getting diabetes.
- 2) A - True. They were originally bred as water retrievers. Given a chance, they can still do their original job.
- 3) B - Flea allergy. Flea allergies are responsible for up to 90 percent of itching in cats.
- 4) B - False. The tails are actually cut off of the very young puppies. This practice, known as "docking," is illegal in some European countries.

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