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*"They (dogs) never talk about themselves but listen to you while you talk about yourself, and keep up an appearance of being interested in the conversation." -*

Jerome K. Jerome



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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

## 6 Steps to Toilet-Train Your Cat

[Animalwellnessmagazine.com](http://Animalwellnessmagazine.com)



Imagine not having to scoop a litter box anymore, or lug heavy bags of cat litter home from the store. Imagine not having to worry about feline odors permeating your home, or bits of litter tracked over your floors. It might seem an impossible scenario – that is, unless you train your cat to use the toilet.

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

1) Which one of the following is NOT considered a cat fur color?

A) Red B) Blue C) Beige D) Brown

2) The Chinese Crested and other hairless dogs have higher body temperatures than dogs with hair?

A) True B) False

answer)

**For dog owners:** [Does your dog like to swim?](#)

**For cat owners:** [Do you walk your cat on a leash?](#)

Last month's question:

**Does your pet have a middle name?**

Almost two-thirds of you (62.5%) said yes! The rest, of course, said no.

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### June Pet Holidays:

#### **Adopt-a-Cat Month®.**

From the American Humane Association.

#### **Adopt-a-Shelter-Cat Month.** From the ASPCA.

**National Pet Preparedness Month.** This month, timed for the first month of hurricane season, urges people with pets to make preparations in case they should be hit by a disaster...and that includes making plans for what you would do with your dog in case of a hurricane, tornado, flood or other natural disaster.

June 4: **Hug Your Cat Day.**

June 4-11: **Pet Appreciation Week.** First week in June.

June 11: **World Pet Memorial Day.**

3) Which one of the following is NOT a reason why cats shed their fur?

- A) A dust or food allergy    B) Because they are too sedentary  
C) Warm weather    D) Because the dog scared them

4) The jaws of pit bulls are anatomically different from those of other dogs so that they can lock shut when they fight?

- A) True    B) False

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*"Some people say that cats are sneaky, evil, and cruel. True, and they have many other fine qualities as well." - Missy Dizick*

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### **Canine Compulsive Disorder or CCD**

Animalwellnessmagazine.com

You might think obsessive-compulsive behaviors are only seen in humans, but dogs can exhibit them as well. There are many examples of repetitive behaviors in dogs that may be attributed to Canine Compulsive Disorder (CCD), once physical causes have been ruled out. [Read More](#)

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June 11: **Just One Day.**

June 11-17: **Animal Rights Awareness Week.**

June 20-24: **Take Your Dog to Work Week.**

June 21: **National Dog Party Day.**

June 22: **Take Your Cat to Work Day.**

June 23: **Take Your Dog to Work Day.**



Meet Archie  
[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](#)



Meet Valeska - Our Featured Pet for June 2017!

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

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## Is Your Cat a Picky Eater?

Animalwellnessmagazine.com

Along with a check-up and the right diet, this easy acupressure session can help turn around your picky eater. If your cat is a picky eater, she's not alone. Cats are often labeled "finicky eaters". There are

several reasons for this – and several things you can do to help correct it. [Read More](#)

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*"When a dog wags her tail and barks at the same time, how do you know which end to believe?" - Anonymous*

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## 14 Ways To Improve Your Older Dog's Life



Moderndogmagazine.com

As dogs age, it's especially important to provide age-appropriate activities to keep them sharp and happy and to help them get around comfortably and safely. And don't forget a cozy, joint-cushioning bed for those all-important power naps! [Read More](#)

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### Fun facts about pets:

**All dogs can be traced back 40 million years ago to a weasel-like animal called the Miacis which dwelled in trees and dens. The Miacis later evolved into the Tomarctus, a direct forbear of the genus Canis, which includes the wolf and jackal as well as the dog.**

**Unlike dogs, cats do not have a sweet tooth. Scientists believe this is due to a mutation in a key taste receptor.**

**Ancient Egyptians revered their dogs. When a pet dog would die, the owners shaved off their eyebrows, smeared mud in their hair, and mourned aloud for days.**

**When a cat chases its prey, it keeps its head level. Dogs and humans bob their heads up and down.**

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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.

**Nearly 600 dogs walked, wagged and ran to help others at [The Humane Society of Huron Valley's 38th Annual Walk & Wag and Run!](#)** So much love that you helped raise over \$285,000 for the homeless, injured and abused animals in our community. Awww... yeah! Check out some great pictures at [hshv.org](http://hshv.org).

Summer is once again upon us, and that means it's time to think about pet safety in the heat. From the AVMA, here are 8 things you can do to protect your dog in the summer:

- Never, ever leave your dog in the car;
- Make sure your dog has unlimited access to fresh water;
- Make sure your dog has access to shade when outside;
- Take walks during the cooler hours of the day;
- When walking, try to stay off of hot surfaces (like asphalt) because it can burn your dog's paws;
- If you think it's hot outside, it's even hotter for your pet – make sure your pet has a means of cooling off;
- Keep your dog free of external parasites (fleas, ticks) and heartworms – consult your veterinarian about the best product for your pet;
- Consider clipping or shaving dogs with long coats (talk to your veterinarian first to see if it's appropriate for your pet), and apply sunscreen to your dog's skin if she or he has a thin coat.

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 - Beige. The six basic fur colors are white, black, red (also called orange or ginger), brown, cream (a combination of white and red), and blue (also called gray). There are different shades and intensities of these colors, but all fit into these basic color categories.
- 2) B - False. They just feel warmer because they don't have any hair.
- 3) B - Because they are too sedentary.
- 4) B - False. They are jaws like any other jaws, and they have no special "locking" device.

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