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"One is never sure, watching two cats washing each other, whether it's affection, the taste or a trial run for the jugular." - Helen Thomson



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)

What Causes My Dog to Reverse Sneeze?

Thebark.com

Reverse sneezing is a disconcerting event in which a dog makes an alarming respiratory sound, similar to a honking noise. This understandably leads pet owners to think that their dog is having trouble breathing and in grave danger. These episodes are followed by a warp-speed drive to the ER where we generally assess a happy dog wagging his or her tail and giving us the look of, "Not sure what all the fuss is about, but boy, that sure was a fun car ride!" [Read More](#)

This month's pet trivia (answers below):

- 1) Where did the poodle originate?
A) Germany B) England C) France D) United States
- 2) Most cats with orange fur are female?
A) True B) False

[Do you refer to yourself as a dog/cat mom or dad?](#)

Last month's question:

For dog owners: Does your dog like to swim?

For cat owners: Do you walk your cat on a leash?

The responses: No one is walking their cat on a leash, and most dogs are sissies about swimming, many not even liking the rain.

July Pet Holidays:

Dog House Repair Month.

National Lost Pet Prevention Month™. Learn how to keep your pets from becoming lost in this month-long observance launched by PetHub.

July 4: **Independence Day.** This US holiday is no holiday for dogs; the sounds of fireworks causes many dogs to panic and run, resulting in many lost dogs every year.

July 15: **National Pet Fire Safety Day.** Sponsored by the The National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC), ADT Security Services and the American Kennel Club® (AKC).

July 21: **National Craft for your Local Shelters Day.**

3) Some drug-detecting dogs are trained by addicting them to the drug that they are supposed to find?

A) True B) False

4) In cats, what is the most common cause of fur loss?

A) Anxiety B) Ringworm

C) Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (FIV) D) The dog

"Things that upset a terrier may pass virtually unnoticed by a Great Dane." - Smiley Blanton

Is She Over-Grooming?



Felinewellness.com

Watch your cat next time she's grooming. She closes her eyes as she slowly licks her legs, sides and tail, and uses her paw to wash her face. It looks so relaxed and dignified, even when she does her famous "playing the bass fiddle" pose. We're so used to seeing it that we may not realize some cats may actually start over-grooming themselves. Over-grooming isn't just about a cat licking herself too much. It's actually the onset of a behavioral problem clinically called psychogenic alopecia. [Read More](#)

July 31: **National Mutt Day.**
Also see Dec. 2.



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

From the Humane Society
of Huron Valley

See all the adoptable pets
of the month on our web
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Meet Lucy - Our Featured Pet for July 2017!

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

Feng Shui For Your Cat & Dog

Animalwellnessmagazine.com

You might think Feng Shui applies only to humans, and that it won't do anything much for your animal companion. Not so! Dogs and cats are just as sensitive to energies and environments, if not more so, than we are. This means the Feng Shui principles you apply in your own space can have a profoundly beneficial effect on them. [Read More](#)

"Cats are kindly masters, just so long as you remember your place." - Paul Gray

10 Tips to Help Them Live a Longer Life

Animalwellnessmagazine.com

You want your furry friend to be with you as long as possible. Incorporate these suggestions into his care to help ensure his health and longevity. You want to improve your dog or cat's health, but it can be hard to know where to begin. There are so many factors

to be considered to help your companion live a longer life. Taking a holistic approach by looking at all aspects of his care and lifestyle is a good starting point. This checklist of ten tips will help enhance his health and lengthen his life (and maybe yours too)! [Read More](#)

Fun facts about pets:

A cat can't climb head first down a tree because every claw on a cat's paw points the same way. To get down from a tree, a cat must back down.

Dogs have three eyelids. The third lid, called a nictitating membrane or "haw," keeps the eye lubricated and protected.

The technical term for a cat's hairball is a "bezoar."

A dog's shoulder blades are unattached to the rest of the skeleton to allow greater flexibility for running.

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.

Saturday and Sunday, July 7 and 8 and 9 is the Ann Arbor Kennel Club Annual Dog Show at the Monroe County Fairgrounds in Monroe. It is an all breed dog show with obedience and rally trials. Find out more at: www.annarborkc.org

Are you a dog lover? Do you like exercise? Then why not combine the two and come work for us? **Pet 'N Play is NOW HIRING!**

We are looking for a part-time dog walker to work approximately 8-12 hours per week to start, primarily Monday-Friday between 10am and 3pm. There may also be some very limited opportunity for some weekend, early morning, or evening hours. We are looking for a mature, responsible person that will **work year-round** for us (**this is not a summer job**). You must own a reliable, insured vehicle, have a cell phone, and have daily access to email. You must be willing to work in all kinds of weather (rain, snow, heat, cold). This can be a fun and rewarding job, but it is also work that requires dedication and attention to detail. If you are interested, please visit: www.pet-n-play.com/employment

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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

Trivia answers:

1) A - Germany. Its name comes from the Old German word "pudeln" meaning to splash in puddles. It was originally a retrieving breed.

2) B - False. About 75% are male. The reason for this is that the gene for fur color is carried on the X chromosome. Since males have one X chromosome, if that chromosome carries the orange fur gene, then the cat will have orange fur. But females have two X Chromosomes, so both chromosomes would have to carry the orange fur gene, otherwise the cat will be a tortoiseshell or calico.

3) B - False. They are trained by associating the smell of the drug with a special toy or treat.

4) B - Ringworm. Ringworm is a fungus that can affect cats, transmitted by contact with other diseased animals or equipment that has been used on a diseased animal. Ringworm has several symptoms, including fur loss, scaly or crusty areas of skin, and itching. The infection may clear up by itself, but for long-haired cats a special treatment might be required.

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