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*"I've seen a look in dogs' eyes, a quickly vanishing look of amazed contempt, and I am convinced that basically dogs think humans are nuts." - John Steinbeck*



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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 answer)

## Breaking The Cat Code

Moderncat.com

It's said that dogs are man's best friend, but cats are man's best confidants! In fact, 50 per cent of cat owners say they make better decisions after talking to their cat. However, understanding why cats behave the way they do and if their needs are met is a constant struggle. Through education and a few simple tips, you can better understand your feline friends and address some of your biggest cat behavior questions.

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

1) Some people are allergic to cat fur?

A) True B) False

2) In laboratory tests, dogs really are "smarter" than cats?

A) True B) False

[Have you ever eaten  
cat or dog food?](#)

Last month's question:

**Do you refer to yourself  
as a dog/cat mom or dad?**

As expected, yes, everyone  
is a dog/cat mom and dad!

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**August Pet Holidays:**

Aug. 1: **DOGust Universal  
Birthday for Shelter Dogs.**

The North Shore Animal  
League America, the  
world's largest no-kill animal  
rescue and adoption  
organization, declared  
August 1 as a birthday for  
all the shelter animals  
whose birthdays are  
unknown. Happy DOGust!!

Aug. 5: **Work Like a Dog  
Day.**

Aug. 6-12: **International  
Assistance Dog Week.**

Aug. 8: **International Cat  
Day.**

Aug. 15: **National Check  
the Chip Day.** AVMA and  
the American Animal  
Hospital Association  
(AAHA) joined together to  
create "Check the Chip  
Day."

Aug. 17: **National Black  
Cat Appreciation Day.**

3) Whiskers, a specialized type of cat fur, are used to help the cat feel and sense the things around it. Whiskers are found on several places on the cat's body; however, which one of the following places do whiskers NOT grow?

- A) Back of the rear legs    B) Back of the front legs  
C) On the jaw    D) Above the eyes

4) Your dog show friend has a beautiful GSD. What does she have?

- A) Greater Siberian Dog    B) German Shorthair Dane  
C) Greater Shorthair Dane    D) German Shepherd Dog

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*"There are two means of refuge from the miseries of  
life; music and cats." - Albert Schweitzer*

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## 10 Secrets Your Dog Isn't Telling You

Moderndogmagazine.com



There is a reason why dogs spin around before going to the bathroom and it has nothing to do with endeavoring to make you late for work. A study published in the journal *Frontiers in Zoology* found that dogs poop in alignment with Earth's magnetic field. [Read More](#)

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Mid August: **National Feral Cat Awareness Week** in Ireland (TBA)

Aug. 19: **International Homeless Animals' Day®**. Third Saturday in August.

Aug. 22: **National Take Your Cat to the Vet Day**.

Aug. 26: **National Dog Day**.

Aug. 28: **Rainbow Bridge Remembrance Day**. (TBA)

Aug. 30. **National Holistic Pet Day**.



Meet Paddy  
[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 Puddles - Our Featured Pet for August 2017!

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## How Much Should I Feed My Cat?

Catster.com

If you're a first-time cat owner, "How much should I feed my cat?" is likely to be one of your first questions when you bring your cat home. Even if you've owned cats for years, you may sometimes wonder whether your cats are getting too little food or too much. The brand of food you're feeding also makes a difference. [Read More](#)

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*"Better not take a dog on the space shuttle, because if he sticks his head out when you're coming home his face might burn up." - "Deep Thoughts" by Jack Handy*

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## **How Dogs Are Helping Researchers Cure Color Blindness**

Thebark.com



When Maureen and Jay Neitz adopted an adorable, fluffy black puppy in the late 1980s, they had no idea how important she would be in making new discoveries about vision. They were just looking for a dog who was size-appropriate for the small apartment they lived in as UC Santa Barbara PhD candidates. Eventually, the teacup Poodle they named "Retina" helped the couple prove that dogs see much more than just black and white, and that dogs' color vision is similar to that of the 8 percent of the human population who are red-green colorblind. [Read More](#)

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### **Fun facts about pets:**

**During the middle ages, Great Danes and Mastiffs were sometimes suited with armor and spiked collars to enter battle or to defend supply caravans.**

**During the time of the Spanish Inquisition, Pope Innocent VIII condemned cats as evil and thousands of cats were burned. Unfortunately the widespread killing of cats led to an explosion of the rat population, which exacerbated the effects of the Black Death.**

**Pekingese and Japanese Chins were so important in the ancient Far East that they had their own servants and were carried around trade routes as gifts for kings and emperors. Pekingese were even worshiped in the temples of China for centuries.**

**Every year nearly four million cats are eaten in Asia.**

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"All I'm saying is we can't all be his best friend."

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"I think our best chance is to plead feral."

## 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, August 26, from 8-11am, Bark for Life Ann Arbor at The Farm @ St. Joe's (St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor)**

The American Cancer Society Bark For Life™ and Fido 5K/ 1 mile Fun Run/Walk is a noncompetitive event for dogs and their owners to raise funds and awareness for the American Cancer Society's fight against cancer. By supporting Bark For Life, you help the American Cancer Society save lives, and that helps us move closer to our ultimate goal of a world with less cancer and more birthdays. So bring your best canine friend and join us for a fun-filled day starting with the Fido 5K and 1 Mile Fun Run/Walk, and then continuing with demonstrations, contests, and games. To start a team to raise funds, or to find out more, please visit: [relayforlife.org/barkannarbormi](http://relayforlife.org/barkannarbormi)

Confused about which dog food to buy? How about trying to figure out what is nutritionally important for your specific breed? You may want to check out the [Best Dog Food Reviews of 2017](#). There is lots of useful information on dog nutrition and breed specific nutrition needs, as well as dog food ratings. And don't forget to check out our web site for more pet health and nutrition information, at [pet-n-play.com/pet-health-and-nutrition](http://pet-n-play.com/pet-health-and-nutrition).

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](http://www.pet-n-play.com/employment)

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) B - False. People that are allergic to cats are not allergic to the cat's fur, but to the minuscule dried flakes of saliva that are left in the cat's fur after the cat cleans itself. These flakes, called dander, collect in the cat's fur and often lead people to assume that they are allergic to the cat's hair.
- 2) A - True. Sorry cat fans. Dogs are superior at problem-solving, puzzle boxes, learning commands, etc.
- 3) A - Back of the rear legs. Whiskers are two to three times thicker than the rest of the cat's fur, and are very sensitive.
- 4) D - German Shepherd Dog. Notice that "dog" is part of the name of the breed!

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