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"If a dog jumps into your lap it is because he is fond of you; but if a cat does the same thing it is because your lap is warmer." - A. N. Whitehead



Welcome to
The Pet 'N Player,
a free monthly newsletter
from Pet 'N Play -
Your Personal Pet Sitters.
We hope you enjoy it!

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Monthly Poll!

(Click on the question to answer)

Why Is Your Dog Eating Grass?

Dogster.com



My dog, Baby, is probably a lot like your canine companions. She has ready and regular access to nutritious food, and yet, no sooner do we leave the house for our walk than she turns into a goat. Our lawn, the neighbors' yards or tufts of grass growing along the forest trails: Baby samples a bit of each over the course of an outing. It is among the most common and puzzling things dogs do. Is your dog eating grass? [Read More](#)

This month's pet trivia (answers below):

- 1) You hear that your neighbor is feeding his dog BARF. What is Fido really getting for supper?
- 2) Cat fur comes in a variety of different patterns. Which one of the following is the most common pattern in cats?

[Sure, you take multivitamins and supplements for yourself, but what about your pet? Do you give your pet supplements?](#)

Last month's question:
Have you ever eaten cat or dog food?
Hard to believe, but no one confessed to even having tried so much as a dog biscuit!

September Pet Holidays:

Happy Healthy Cat Month.
Established by the CATalyst Council.

National Disaster Preparedness Month. Led by FEMA's *Ready* Campaign, Citizen Corps and The Advertising Council, this effort encourages individuals, families, businesses and communities to work together and take action to prepare for emergencies. Visit Ready.gov and CitizenCorps.gov.

Sept. 10: **National Pet Memorial Day.** Established by the International Association of Pet Cemeteries (IAPC). Second Sunday in September.

A) Tortoiseshell B) Bi-color C) Tri-color D) Tabby

3) No one who is responsible in the dog world wants to be a BYB. What is BYB?

4) A problem that plagues many cats are hairballs, caused when a cat swallows too much fur when grooming itself. Which one of the following is NOT a way to prevent hairballs?

A) Making sure your cat drinks plenty of water B) Brushing your cat daily C) Feeding your cat canned pumpkin D) Feeding your cat hairball prevention

"Did you ever walk into a room and forget why you walked in? I think that is how dogs spend their lives."

- Sue Murphy

10 Cat Signs of Affection - How Cats Show They Love You

Catster.com

Whether or not your cat is affectionate depends on her personality, her breeding and her upbringing. Some cats are aloof; some can't wait to shower affection upon you. When a cat chooses to express affection, she's more likely to show you than tell you, so understanding the feline lexicon of love requires that you understand feline body language and how they interact with fellow cats as well as humans.

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Sept. 10: **National Hug Your Hound Day.** Second Sunday in September.

Sept. 13: **Pet Birth Defect Awareness Day.** A day dedicated to the issue of pet birth defects including information on identification, prevention and treatment. Sponsored by MBJungle.

Sept. 19: **Puppy Mill Awareness Day.**

Sept. 19: **Responsible Dog Ownership Day.**

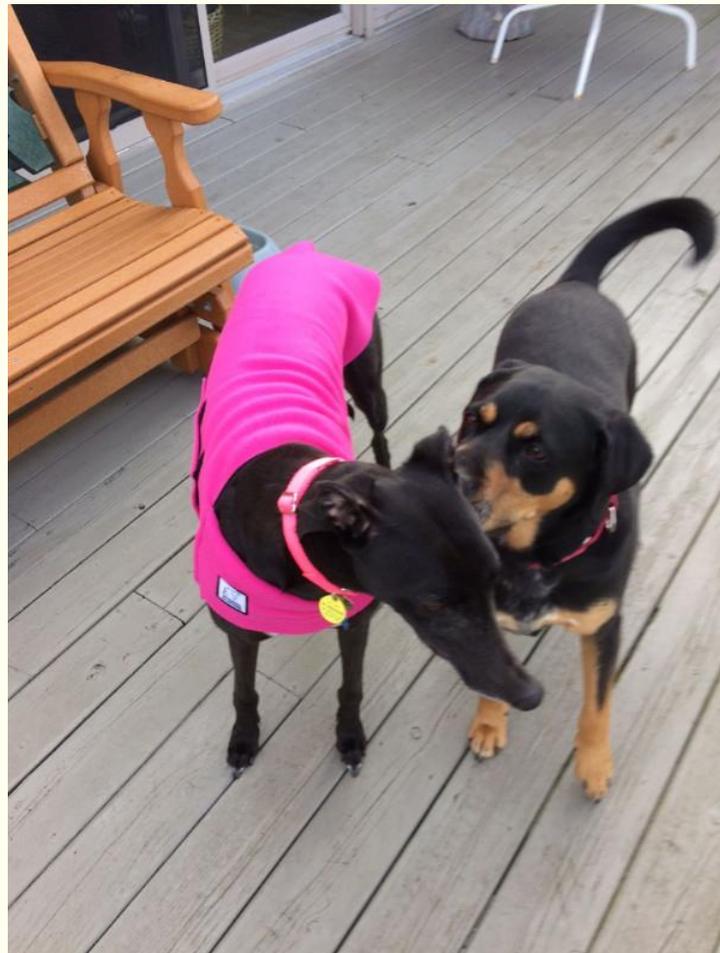
Sept. 23: **Dogs in Politics Day (also known as Checkers Day).** Recognizing the dogs of politicians.

Sept. 24-30: **Deaf Pet Awareness Week.** By Petfinder.com.

Sept. 24-30: **National Deaf Dog Awareness Week.** Last full week in September.

Sept. 24-30: **National Dog Week.** Last full week in September.

Sept. 28: **World Rabies Day.** Sponsored by the Global Alliance for Rabies Control.



Meet Kelsey and Pluto -
Our Featured Pets for September 2017!

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

Can Acupuncture Relieve My Dog's Pain?

Animalwellnessmagazine.com

There are many causes of pain in dogs – from arthritis to disc disease to CCL ruptures. There are also a variety of methods to relieve that pain, both conventional and alternative. Among the latter, acupuncture is one of the most effective ways to help ease pain in your dog. [Read More](#)



Meet Papi

[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](#)

"Cats seem to go on the principle that it never does any harm to ask for what you want." - Joseph Wood Krutch

Cats on Catnip: What Happens To Your Cat When He Does It

Catster.com



We like to joke that catnip is like drugs for cats — but it turns out there's definitely some psychotropic science going on when your feline gets into the catnip zone. But why does catnip — which is a member of the mint family of herbs — really make cats so crazy? [Check out this breakdown of what's going on with cats on catnip, including funny videos!](#)

Fun facts about pets:

During the middle ages, cats were associated with witchcraft, and on St. John's Day, people all over Europe would stuff them into sacks and toss the cats into bonfires. On holy days, people celebrated by tossing cats from church towers (thank goodness the middle ages are over with!).

After the fall of Rome, human survival often became more important than breeding and training dogs. Legends of werewolves emerged during this time as abandoned dogs traveling in packs commonly roamed streets and terrified villagers.

The first cat in space was named Felicette (a.k.a. "Astrocat"). In 1963, France blasted the cat into outer space. Electrodes implanted in her brains sent neurological signals back to Earth. She survived the trip!

The shape of a dog's face suggests how long it will live. Dogs with sharp, pointed faces that look more like wolves typically live longer. Dogs with very flat faces, such as bulldogs, often have shorter lives.

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](#).



"I'm excited too, but let's go slow until we know what we're dealing with."



"You the temp?"

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.

Although still more than a month away, on **Friday, October 20, 2017, starting at 6:30pm** is the **HSHV 2017 Compassionate Feast** at the Michigan Student Union, 530 S. State St.

Join the Humane Society of Huron Valley for our 12th annual Compassionate Feast fundraiser! You'll meet other animal-lovers like you; enjoy music, cocktails, food and entertainment; and celebrate all you've helped HSHV do and continue to do for animals in our community. *All but \$30 of the ticket price is tax-deductible and goes to help care for the injured, abused and homeless animals in our community!* Find out more at: HSHV.org.

We added a new dog trainer to our listings - Canine Companion Training. JC is the trainer, and we know from experience that he is excellent! Check out our list of trainers [here](#). And don't forget to check out our other resources for pet owners, such as groomers, veterinarians, pet supply stores, non-profit service dog organizations, emergency planning, lost pet information, pet food recalls, pet health and nutrition, and of course our adoptable pets page!

Speaking of emergency planning, with Hurricane Harvey in the news, now would be a good time to review your own emergency preparedness. Need help? Then check out our [Emergency Planning page](#).

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

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) BARF stands for Bones and raw food (also accepted is biologically acceptable raw food).
- 2) D - Tabby. The tabby coat is the most common pattern.
- 3) BYB stands for Backyard breeder.
- 4) A - Making sure your cat drinks plenty of water. While drinking plenty of water is good for your cat, it does not prevent hairballs.

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