

October 2017

[View this email in your browser](#)



*"Money will buy you a pretty good dog, but it won't buy the wag of his tail." -
Henry Wheeler Shaw*



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

[Subscribe Here](#)



Monthly Poll!

(Click on the question to
answer)

6 Things That Are Offending Your Cat

Moderncat.com



Are you guilty of these feline faux pas? Read on for the top 6 things your cat wants you to stop doing right now (#2 might be a tough habit to break...)!
[Read More](#)

This month's pet trivia (answers below):

- 1) At what age do cats start to purr?
A) 8 weeks B) 3 months C) Within the first week D) 6 months
- 2) Has anyone ever successfully bred a naturally bob-tailed dog?
A) Yes B) No
- 3) What is the mother's first priority for her new kitten?
A) Feeding B) To get it breathing C) To socialize the litter
D) Play time

[Do you bring your dog to work?](#)

Last month's question:
Do you give your pet supplements?

Boring! No one seemed to care, but maybe this month's question will be more fun!

October Pet Holidays:

Adopt-A-Dog Month. By American Humane Association.

Adopt-a-Shelter Dog Month. By ASPCA.

National Animal Safety and Protection Month.

National Pet Wellness Month.

National Pit Bull Awareness Month.

National Service Dog Month.

Oct. 1: **National Fire Pup Day.**

Oct. 1: **National Black Dog Day.**

Oct. 1-7: **National Walk Your Dog Week.**

Oct. 1-7: **Animal Welfare Week.** (AVMA)

4) Can you show a Doberman Pinscher without a docked tail?

A) Yes B) No

"There is, incidently, no way of talking about cats that enables one to come off as a sane person." -

Dan Greenberg

Memory Wins When Dogs Sleep

Thebark.com

EEG study suggests sleep enhances learning. A Harvard Medical School professor recently rocked the Internet: "Since dogs are generally extremely attached to their human owners, it's likely your dog is dreaming of your face, your smell and of pleasing or annoying you," psychologist Deirdre Barrett told *People Magazine*. [Read More](#)

Oct. 4: **World Animal Day.**

Oct. 12: **National Pet Obesity Awareness Day.** (TBA)

Oct. 15-21: **National Veterinary Technician Week.** Sponsored by the National Association of Veterinary Technicians of America. (TBA)

Oct. 15: **Dog Film Festival, New York City.** (TBA)

Oct. 16: **National Feral Cat Day.**

Oct. 28: **National Pit Bull Awareness Day.** Last Saturday in Oct. (unless Halloween falls on the last Saturday, then another date is chosen).

Oct. 28: **Plush Animal Lovers Day.** A day that most dogs will be happy to celebrate...as they unstuff them...

Oct. 28: **National Black Cat Day** in the UK. (TBA)

Oct. 29: **National Cat Day.**



Meet Boots - Our Featured Pet for October 2017!

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

Read their profiles, learn their likes, and find out how they found such a good home!

Meet These 8 Uncommon Cat Breeds

Moderncat.com



Discover the rare beauty and cool traits that make these uncommon cat breeds so unique (think curly



Meet Pippa
[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](#)

hair, a love of water, wild spots and more)! [Read
More](#)

"I spilled spot remover on my dog. He's gone now." -

Steven Wright

Do Dogs Know Themselves?

Thebark.com

The classic self-recognition test gets a makeover for dogs, using smell not sight. Dogs know individuals. Your dog knows I am not you and you are not me. Your dog knows that Rudy down the block is exceptional at playing, but Spot is not. If dogs can recognize individuals, and your dog is an individual, might your dog know himself? As an individual? Does he have a sense of "me-ness"? [Read More](#)

Fun facts about pets:

During the Middle Ages, mixed breeds of peasants' dogs were required to wear blocks around their necks to keep them from breeding with noble hunting dogs.

Purebred dogs were very expensive and hunting became the province of the rich.

According to Hebrew legend, Noah prayed to God for help protecting all the food he stored on the ark from being eaten by rats. In reply, God made the lion sneeze, and out popped a cat.

The most dogs ever owned by one person were 5,000 Mastiffs owned by Kublai Khan.

A cat rubs against people not only to be affectionate but also to mark out its territory with scent glands around its face. The tail area and paws also carry the cat's scent.

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](#).

© MARK ANDERSON

WWW.ANDERSTOONS.COM



"I'm telling you I'm not paranoid! Sometimes he only pretends to throw the ball just to make me look like an idiot!"

© MARK ANDERSON

WWW.ANDERSTOONS.COM



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.

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.

Pet 'N Play is happy to announce our 8th Annual Presents 4 Pets campaign!

Presents 4 Pets is a nationwide annual collection drive benefiting pets in shelters, and will run until the first week of November, coinciding with the Humane Society of the United States' National Animal Shelter Appreciation Week, observed November 5-11, 2017.

New this year we are also collecting for Barn Sanctuary in Chelsea, Michigan. Barn Sanctuary is a hands-on animal sanctuary dedicated to rescuing, rehabilitating and caring for farm animal refugees. This includes any animals that have been abused, abandoned, sentenced to death or are victims of natural disasters. We educate the public about the horrific treatment of animals raised and slaughtered by modern day farm factories, and the positive impact that a plant-based diet can have on the environment and our health.

How can you help? We are asking for your generous support in the way of donations of supplies or as a monetary donation. All of the donations will go directly to the Humane Society of Huron Valley in Ann Arbor, or Barn Sanctuary in Chelsea.

Find out how and where to donate on our **Presents 4 Pets page!**

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 11am 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 holiday 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 our [employment page](#).

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 - Within the first week. Kittens purr from a very early age and the first instance would most usually be when feeding with its mother.

2) A - Yes. Dr. Bruce Cattanach set out to develop a Boxer that was naturally bob-tailed. He did it by breeding a Boxer to a Pembroke Welsh Corgi. His first attempt failed, as the puppies looked like crosses. But there was some success, as five of the puppies had bob-tails of varying lengths. He then tried to breed two of the "Borgies." He ended up with one litter of second generation "Borgies." In this litter, seven (out of sixteen) of the puppies were bob-tails, of which four were females. Out of this litter, they kept a bob-tailed female which looked like a Boxer - just with a natural bob-tail. For their third generation litter, five (out of eight) puppies were bob-tailed. And more importantly, they all looked like Boxers.

3) B - To get it breathing. To prevent the kitten from suffocating the mother removes the sac from the kitten's face. Luckily cats have a very rough tongue which is perfect for this job and for stimulating the kitten further.

4) A - Yes. But you will be highly penalized for doing so, according to the AKC breed standard.

[Check out past issues of The Pet 'N Player here](#)



Pet 'N Play - Your Personal Pet Sitters

* Daily Dog Walking * In Your Home Pet Sitting * And More!

Serving Clients in the Ann Arbor Area

For a lot more information, including current rates,

please email info@pet-n-play.com, or visit us at: www.pet-n-play.com

Copyright © 2017 Pet 'N Play, All rights reserved.

[unsubscribe from this list](#) [update subscription preferences](#)

MailChimp