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"Cats do not have to be shown how to have a good time, for they are unfailing ingenious in that respect." - James Mason (actor)



Welcome to
The Pet 'N Player,
a free monthly newsletter
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Your Personal Pet Sitters.
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Monthly Poll!

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answer)

[Do you cook for your
dog \(or cat\)?](#)

[Where Do Dogs Come From?](#)

Dogster.com

From the tall Great Dane to the tiny Chihuahua, us humans are used to being around dogs of all shapes and sizes. We're so used to it, in fact, that we forget that humans more or less created dogs.... And how we did it is a question that still stumps scientists to this day. [Read More](#)

This month's pet trivia (answers below):

- 1) Of the dog breeds listed, which breed would be likely to physically mature the fastest?
A) Miniature Poodle B) Standard Poodle C) Greyhound
D) Mastiff
- 2) Why do cats scratch the furniture?
A) To mark their territory B) To remove dead nail sheaths
C) To stretch their muscles D) All of the above
- 3) Of the dog breeds listed, which has the largest field of vision?
A) Miniature Poodle B) Standard Poodle C) Greyhound
D) Coon Hound
- 4) Why do cats leave their toys in their water or food bowls?

Last month's question:
**Do you go on vacations
with your pet(s)?**

It's unanimous, everyone
goes on at least some
vacations with their pet(s)!

January Pet Holidays:

**National Train Your
Dog Month.**

Walk Your Pet Month.

**Adopt a Rescued Bird
Month.**

Jan. 2: **National Pet
Travel Safety Day.**

Jan. 14: **National Dress
Up Your Pet Day.**

Jan. 22: **National
Answer Your Cat's
Question Day.**

Jan. 24: **Change a Pet's
Life Day.**

Jan. 29: **Seeing Eye
Guide Dog Anniversary.**

- A) To mark their territory B) As a present for their owner
C) It's a hunting behavior D) So they know where to find them

*"The only creatures that are evolved enough to
convey pure love are dogs and infants."* - Johnny

Depp (actor)

What It Means to Be a Tabby Cat



Catster.com

The word tabby denotes a coat pattern. And they don't represent just one breed; the tabby pattern is common to many breeds. Although cat lovers can all agree on their love for the tabby cat, many aren't quite as clear as to what "tabby" really means. [Read More](#)



Meet Kya, Kirby and Eppie, our Featured Pets
for January 2018!



Meet Bubbles

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

From the Humane Society
of Huron Valley

Available to adopt **NOW**,
see all the adoptable pets of
the month on our web site
[here](#)

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

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

[Ancient Art Features Dogs, On Leash](#)



Thebark.com

One piece of ancient art in an archaeological find shows a man surrounded by over a dozen dogs, two of which are connected to him by lines that could represent leashes. In a recent news article in the journal *Science*, researchers discuss the importance of this discovery, along with other similar carvings, found on sandstone cliffs in northwestern Saudi Arabia. The engravings are believed to be at least 8000 years old, which makes them the oldest known artistic representations of dogs. [Read More](#)

"Cats have it all - admiration, an endless sleep, and company only when they want it." -
Rod McKuen (poet)

[The Fascinating Facts Behind Cat Colors](#)

Catster.com

Modifying genes means endless possibilities for cat colors and patterns. This may seem hard to believe, but cats basically come in black, red, white or some combination, dilution or mixture of these. From tabby cats to pointed patterns to tricolors like calicos, let's learn more! [Read More](#)

Fun facts about pets:

Cats hate water because their fur does not insulate well when it's wet. The Turkish Van, however, is one cat that likes swimming. Bred in Central Asia, its coat has a unique texture that makes it water resistant.

Alexander the Great is said to have founded and named a city Peritas, in memory of his dog.

The Egyptian Mau is probably the oldest breed of cat. In fact, the breed is so ancient that its name is the Egyptian word for "cat."

Plato once said that "a dog has the soul of a philosopher."

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](http://Andertoons.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.

January 18-21, 2018, the Michigan Winter Dog Classic at Suburban Collection Showplace, Novi

The whole family will enjoy this fun filled event which includes: educational demonstrations, conformation judging, breed seminars and access to many of the 160+ breeds recognized by the American Kennel Club, the Oakland County Kennel Club and the Livonia Kennel Club and sanctioned by the American Kennel Club. This show features "My Dog Can Do That" - Bring your dog and work together with several AKC professional trainers as they show you how your dog can perform in agility events. Visit the MI Winter Dog Classic Website for additional requirements when bringing your dog to the event.

Winter is upon us, and while many dogs love the outdoors, it can also be a dangerous time of year. And that goes for cats too! So be sure to keep them warm, wear coats if necessary. Wear booties or at the very least be sure to wipe their paws after walks. Beware of antifreeze - the sweet smell attracts dogs, but it is deadly! But mainly, just use common sense! And have a wonderful winter!

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) A - Miniature Poodle. In the dog world, dogs mature physically based on their size. A smaller dog will be physically mature in 8-10 months. A large breed, like a Mastiff, can take over two years to be truly mature.

2) D - All of the above.

3) C - Greyhound. Sighthounds, such as the Greyhound, can have a field of vision up to 270 degrees. Humans and most dog breeds only have a normal field of vision range of 180 degrees.

4) C - It is a hunting behavior. It's a hunting trait of females that's supposed to represent them bringing food back to their young when they're in the wild. With our cats being mostly domesticated now, they exhibit this hunting behavior with objects such as their toys to represent a kill that has been taken to a safe spot for their young to eat.

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