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*"I have lived with several Zen masters - all of them cats." - Eckhart Tolle*



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from Pet 'N Play -  
Your Personal Pet Sitters.  
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### Monthly Poll!

(Click on the question to  
answer)

[Aside from your actual dog  
or cat, how many dog/cat-  
themed items are in your  
home?](#)

### [Why Do Dogs Howl? 5 Reasons](#)



Dogster.com

When answering the question, "Why do dogs howl," we have to examine the following questions, too — Is dog howling an atavistic expression of a shared wild ancestry? A lingering vestige of wolf times and pack activity? Let's investigate why dogs howl and what they might be saying. [Read More](#)

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

- 1) How much farther can dogs hear sounds than humans?  
A) 2 times farther   B) 4 times   C) 10 times   D) 20 times
- 2) Do cats hunt for food?  
A) Yes   B) Yes, but only feral cats  
C) Yes, but only in the wild   D) No, they hunt to play
- 3) What country has the highest dog population in the world?  
A) France   B) China   C) India   D) The United States
- 4) Do the Chinese like cats?  
A) Yes   B) No   C) Only male cats   D) Only Calicos

Last month's question:  
**Do you buy clothing or fashion accessories for your pet(s)?**

The results: Not exactly fashionistas, but everyone seems to dress their pets in at least practical clothing, like coats and fancy collars.

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**March Pet Holidays:**

**Poison Prevention Awareness Month.**

**Adopt a Rescued Guinea Pig Month.**

March 3: **If Pets Had Thumbs Day.**

March 4-10: **Professional Pet Sitters Week.**

March 8-11: **Crufts.** Held in Birmingham, England, this is the world's largest dog show, featuring nearly 28,000 canines in its four days.

March 13: **K-9 Veterans Day.**

March 17: **Saint Gertrude of Nivelles Day**— patron saint of cats

March 18-24: **National**

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*"No one appreciates the very special genius of your conversation as the dog does."* - Christopher Morley

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**[The Signs of an Annoyed Cat and What Annoys Cats The Most](#)**

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How do you tell if you've got an annoyed cat on your hands and what could you be doing to annoy your kitty? What are the signs of an annoyed cat, and how do you diminish the stressors? [Read More](#)

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Meet SweetPea -  
Featured Pet for March 2018!

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

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

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**[Whale Eyes in Dogs - What it Means When the Whites of Your Dog's Eyes Show](#)**

## Poison Prevention Week.

March 23: **National Puppy Day.**

March 28: **Respect Your Cat Day**

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Dogs use their entire bodies to tell us how they're feeling. When you notice your dog displaying wide, bulging eyes that show the whites of his eyes, you're seeing whale eyes. [Read More](#)

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*"The problem with cats is that get the same exact look whether they see a moth or an axe-murderer." - Paula Poundstone*



Meet Bitsy

[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](#)

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## [7 Cool Facts About Cat Eye Colors](#)



Catster.com

Did you know: Cat eye colors are not related to fur colors, and purebreds' eye colors are usually more intense. Whatever color your cat's eyes are, there's an amazing story behind how they got that way. Check out these cool facts on cat eye colors. [Read More](#)

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## Fun facts about pets:

Some cats have survived falls of over 65 feet, due largely to their "righting reflex." The eyes and balance organs in the inner ear tell it where it is in space so the cat can land on its feet. Even cats without a tail have this ability.

The origin of amputating a dog's tail may go back to the Roman writer Lucius Columella's (A.D. 4-70) assertion that tail docking prevented rabies.

Researchers believe the word "tabby" comes from Attabiyah, a neighborhood in Baghdad, Iraq. Tabbies got their name because their striped coats resembled the famous wavy patterns in the silk produced in this city.

During the Renaissance, detailed portraits of the dog as a symbol of fidelity and loyalty appeared in mythological, allegorical, and religious art throughout Europe, including works by Leonardo da Vinci, Diego Velazquez, Jan van Eyck, and Albrecht Durer.

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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://www.andertoons.com).



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## 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.

**March 11, 2018, from 2-5pm**

**Detroit Dog Rescue presents Canines & Couture**

**At the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham, MI**

A celebrity-filled fashion show featuring our fabulous homeless canines. This event, hosted by the Townsend Hotel and Fox 2's Amy Lange, is a fun filled way to bring the public together to support Detroit Dog Rescue's No-Kill Mission.

Enjoy a strolling lunch, watch our fun-filled runway show and bid on our amazing collection of silent auction items including a private access pass to feed the Penguins at the Detroit

Zoo (courtesy of Jim and Kay Brady).

Canines & Couture benefit's Detroit Dog Rescue's medical fund to help care for dogs who are victims of violent crimes.

Silent Auction, Live Auctions and Raffles.

Strolling hors d' oeuvres lunch and dessert table.

Complimentary Wag Bags for the first 150 guests!

\$75.00 per person., ages 12 and up. \$135.00 per couple

Purchase your tickets at [www.DetroitDogRescue.com](http://www.DetroitDogRescue.com)

### **Recalls, recalls, recalls!**

There have been more pet food recalls this past month than I can ever remember. **Nine** to be exact! Redbarn, Darwin's, Smucker's (makers of Gravy Train, Kibbles 'N Bits, Ol' Roy, and Skippy), and more. It's all gotten a bit disturbing, to say the least.

Your best defense is information. Be sure to follow us on Facebook, as we post pet food recall information when it becomes available. Or check out the pet food recall page on our website (<https://www.pet-n-play.com/pet-food-recalls/>).

We are happy to announce that we now have a **secure web site!** Our **SSL** certificate has been issued (which means you will see **HTTPS** and a **green padlock** when you visit our site). We now also have a client portal page, so you can use the form there to send us sensitive information (like security codes, credit card numbers, etc) safely and securely.

**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)

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### **Trivia answers:**

1) B - Dogs hear 4 times farther than humans.

2) D - No, they hunt to play.

3) D - The United States. And it's not even close. Brazil has the second highest dog

population at ~35 million, and the U.S. has more than double that!

4) D - Yes, but only Calicos.

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