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*"Outside of a dog, a book is man's best friend. Inside of a dog it's too dark to read."*

- Groucho Marx



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

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answer)

## [The Real Problem With Wheat](#)



[Animalwellnessmagazine.com](#)

People and animals have been eating wheat for thousands of years, so why has it started causing health issues in so many? The answer may shock you...

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

1) Does the male cat stay with the female after they met?

- A) Yes, always   B) Yes, usually  
C) Sometimes, but it's rare   D) No, never

2) What is the smallest dog on record?

- A) Yorkshire Terrier   B) Miniature Maltese  
C) Miniature Poodle   D) Chihuahua

3) Do cats mark territory like big cats?

- A) Yes   B) No   C) Only males   D) Only females

4) A "pack" of dogs consists of:

- A) 2 or more   B) 3 or more  
C) 4 or more   D) At least 1 male and 1 female

[If possible, would you alter your dog/cat's DNA so he could talk?](#)

Last month's question:  
**Aside from your actual dog or cat, how many dog/cat-themed items are in your home?**

Pretty much what we expected, everyone has at least some pet-themed items in their home.

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#### **April Pet Holidays:**

**National Adopt a Greyhound Month.**

**National Heartworm Awareness Month.**

**National Pet First Aid Awareness Month.** This event is an effort by the American Red Cross to draw attention to the need to know specialized pet first aid.

**Prevent Lyme Disease in Dogs Month.**

**Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Month.**  
(ASCPA)

**National Pet Month.**  
(UK)

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*"Cats are smarter than dogs. You can't get eight cats to pull a sled through snow." - Jeff Valdez*

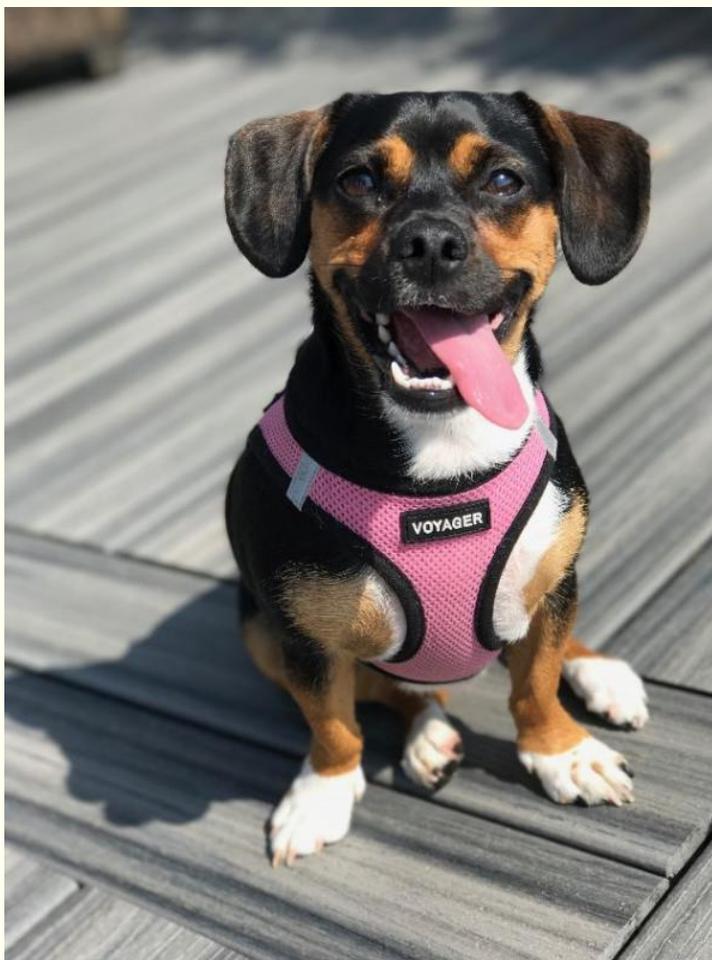
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### **[Study: Dog-Speak Improves Bond Between Dogs and Humans](#)**

Petguide.com

Experts at the University of York in the UK have found that using 'dog-speak' when talking to your pooch is an important part of creating the bonding process between humans and their pups. [Read More](#)

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Meet Hester -  
Featured Pet for April 2018!

April 1-7: **International Pooper Scooper Week.**

April 6: **National Siamese Cat Day**

April 7: **Every Day is Tag Day.** Always the first Saturday in April.

April 8: **National Dog Fighting Awareness Day.**

April 8-14: **Animal Care and Control Appreciation Week.** .

April 8-14: **National Dog Bite Prevention Week.**

April 11: **National Pet Day.**

April 11: **Dog Therapy Appreciation Day.**

April 15-21: **Animal Cruelty/Human Violence Awareness Week.** An effort by the Humane Society of the United States.

April 15-21: **National Pet ID Week.**

April 21: **Bulldogs are Beautiful Day.**

[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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## [What Are the Cat Zoomies and Are They Ever Anything to Worry About?](#)



Catster.com

Picture this — you're sitting around, having a quiet evening when suddenly your cat barrels out of nowhere, running around the house like a madwoman. This behavior is called the cat zoomies, and it's probably completely ... [Read More](#)

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*"Happiness is a warm puppy."* -  
Charles Schulz (*Peanuts* cartoonist)

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## [5 Keys to Understanding Dog Body Language](#)

Dogster.com

Reading dog body language can be confusing because it's a very sophisticated and complex system of nonverbal communication, but thankfully we can learn how to read and understand what they're trying so hard to tell us. [Read More](#)

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**Fun facts about pets:**

Hollywood's first and arguably best canine star was Rin Tin Tin, a five-day-old German Shepherd found

April 22: **Earth Day.**

April 26: **National Kids and Pets Day.**

April 27: **Hairball Awareness Day.** Last Friday in April.

April 28: **World Veterinary Day.** This event from the World Veterinary Association is always celebrated on the last Saturday in April.

April 30: **Adopt a Shelter Pet Day.**



Meet Zeline

[Our Adoptable](#)

[Pet of the Month!](#)

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of Huron Valley

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the month on our web site

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wounded in battle in WWI France and adopted by an American soldier, Lee Duncan. He would sign his own contracts with his paw print.

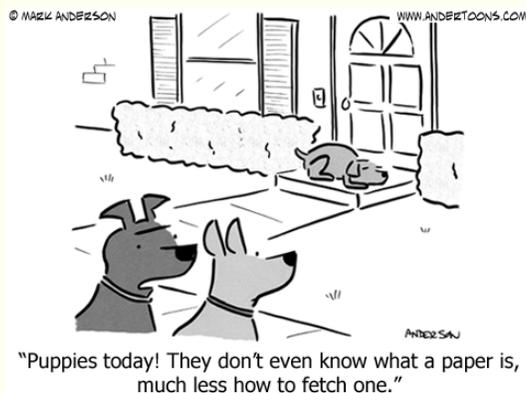
Some Siamese cats appear cross-eyed because the nerves from the left side of the brain go mostly to the right eye and the nerves from the right side of the brain go mostly to the left eye. This causes some double vision, which the cat tries to correct by "crossing" its eyes.

President Franklin Roosevelt created a minor international incident when he claimed he sent a destroyer to the Aleutian Islands just to pick up his Scottish Terrier, Fala, who had been left behind.

Mohammed loved cats and reportedly his favorite cat, Muezza, was a tabby. Legend says that tabby cats have an "M" for Mohammed on top of their heads because Mohammed would often rest his hand on the cat's head.

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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](#).



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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.

**Saturday and Sunday, April 7-8, 2018**

**West Michigan Pet Expo**

**at the Deltaplex in Grand Rapids**

Featuring live animal entertainment, reptile and amphibian exhibit, thousands of pet products, pet seminars, free samples and coupons, and a petting zoo. Find out more at the [West Michigan Pet Expo web site](#).

**Thursday, April 26, 2018, from 6-9pm**

**5th Annual Wine & Wag to Benefit Teacher's Pet**

**at Fieldstone Winery, 23 S. Main St, Rochester Hills**

Join us for a night of Michigan wine for a great cause! Enjoy great wine, hard cider, raffle items and mingling with some really cool people in a fun environment. [Get Tickets Today](#) and Save \$5. Online \$30 at the door \$35. Find out more at [Teacher's Pet](#).

**Saturday, April 28, 2018, starting at noon**

**Michigan War Dog Memorial- K9 Veterans Day Event**

**25805 Milford Rd, South Lyon (at the War Dog Memorial)**

We will be hosting an event to honor our K9 heroes. We have a great line up of keynote speakers, including John Burnham, Vietnam scout dog handler (US Army); Ron Aiello,

Vietnam scout dog handler (US Army); Terry Foley, law enforcement K9 handler for over 25 years. Come and hear their stories of our K9 heroes! For more information, contact Phil Weitlauf at: [mwdmk9@gmail.com](mailto:mwdmk9@gmail.com).

We have some exciting news to share! But we are still a month or two away from sharing it. So stay tuned. :-)

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) C - Sometimes, but it's rare.
- 2) A - Yorkshire Terrier.
- 3) A - Yes.
- 4) A - 2 or more dogs makes a "pack."

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