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"In order to keep a true perspective of one's importance, everyone should have a dog that will worship him and a cat that will ignore him." - Dereke Bruce



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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)

[Does your pet greet you
when you arrive home?](#)

[The Mystery of The Purr](#)

Moderncat.com

Purrrrrrr. The sound alone instantly conjures images of a cat-warmed lap, but hidden between those vibrations are fascinating scientific facts and even a little remaining mystery. There's a lot going on in your cat's purr—it's not all happiness and it might heal you.

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This month's pet trivia (answers below):

1) When is it thought that people first kept cats as pets?

- A) 1 million years ago B) 30,000 years ago
C) 5,000 years ago D) 150 years ago

2) Dogs can learn up to how many words?

- A) 50 B) 100 C) 150 D) 250

3) Can your cat taste sugar?

- A) Yes, that's one reason kittens are so hyper! B) No

4) How fast can the AVERAGE dog run (in mph)?

- A) 5 B) 12 C) 19 D) 25 E) 60

Last month's question:

Do you brush your pet's teeth?

It seems that everyone brushes their pet's teeth at least occasionally, and half of you give dental treats as well.

August Pet Holidays:

Aug. 1: **DOGust Universal Birthday for Shelter Dogs.** The North Shore Animal League America, the world's largest no-kill animal rescue and adoption organization, declared August 1 as a birthday for all the shelter animals whose birthdays are unknown. Happy DOGust!!

Aug. 5: **Work Like a Dog Day.**

Aug. 5-11: **International Assistance Dog Week.**

Aug. 8: **International Cat Day.**

Aug. 15: **National Check the Chip Day.** AVMA and the American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA) joined together

"Cats are connoisseurs of comfort." -

James Herriot (author, *All Creatures Great and Small*)

[Dog Burials in Ancient Times](#)

Thebark.com

A form of simple dog burials began in the Levant region (now Jordan, Israel, Lebanon and Syria) during the sixth century B.C.E. and continued for over six centuries. These purposeful burials have been found in more than a dozen sites, including one that has over 1000 dogs. Previous consideration of these canine burials had led to the conclusion that they were evidence of rituals related to various cults, including the healing cults and or that they symbolized the sacred status of dogs. A recent analysis proposes a new interpretation of these burials. [Read More](#)



Meet Lucy & Lola -
Featured Pets for August 2018!

to create "Check the Chip Day."

Aug. 16: **Saint Roch's Day.** Patron saint of dogs.

Aug. 17: **National Black Cat Appreciation Day.**

Aug. 18: **International Homeless Animals' Day®.** Third Saturday in August.

Aug. 22: **National Take Your Cat to the Vet Day.**

Aug. 26: **National Dog Day.**

Aug. 28: **Rainbow Bridge Remembrance Day.**

Aug. 30: **National Holistic Pet Day.**



Meet Vanessa

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

From the Humane Society of Huron Valley

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

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

[How Do Cats Show Affection? 7 Cat Affection Signs](#)

Catster.com

How do cats show affection? It's a myth that cats are aloof and unemotional; cats show affection to humans using a combination of body language, postures and vocalizations. Let's examine some forms of cat affection here. [Read More](#)

"Old dogs, like old shoes, are comfortable. They might be a bit out of shape and a little worn around the edges, but they fit well." - Bonnie Wilcox

[Maryland Dogs Are The New Weapon To Help Save The Bees](#)

petguide.com

Dogs are well-known for using their sniffers to detect all sorts of things - explosives, drugs - even people. But now in Maryland, they're also being used to help protect an important insect in the food industry: the honeybee. [Read More](#)

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

Fun facts about pets:

A person standing still 300 yards away is almost invisible to a dog. But a dog can easily identify its owner standing a mile away if the owner is waving his arms.

Most cats had short hair until about 100 years ago, when it became fashionable to own cats and experiment with breeding.

Dogs can smell about 1,000 times better than humans. While humans have 5 million smell-detecting cells, dogs have more than 220 million. The part of the brain that interprets smell is also four times larger in dogs than in humans.

In Japan, cats are thought to have the power to turn into super spirits when they die. This may be because according to the Buddhist religion, the body of the cat is the temporary resting place of very spiritual people.

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](#).



"For crying out loud, Jensen! Stop licking yourself and pay attention!"

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, August 11-12, 2018

Performance Times: 12:00 pm, 2:00 pm, 4:30 pm

Rock & Roll K-9's

Frankenmuth River Place Shops Festival Platz Stage

The Rock-N-Roll K-9's provide good family fun entertainment with our awesome K-9's, while grooving to rock and roll music. The shows will include flyball, tricks, relay racing, limbo, choreographed obedience routines, agility, Scooby says, musical mats and much more. You will see a variety of breeds in every color, shape, size and age, as well as the great All American Mix. These skilled athletes and their trainers work close together as a team and with everyone doing their utmost to make the Rock-N-Roll K-9 shows unforgettable. [Click here](#) for more information about this event.

Saturday, August 25, 2018, 9am-noon

Bark For Life of Greater Ann Arbor

At The Farm at St. Joe's, on the campus of St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor

The American Cancer Society Bark For Life™ of Greater Ann Arbor starts with the FIDO 5K/ 1 Mile Fun Run and Walk event for dogs and their owners to raise funds and awareness for the American Cancer Society's fight against cancer. So bring your best canine friend (or leave 'em at home if that's best for him/her) and join us for a fun-filled day starting with the FIDO 5K/ 1 Mile Fun Run and Walk, and then continuing with demonstrations, contests, games and food at the "after-pawty". [Find out more here](#)

We have some exciting news to share! But we are still a month or so away, but are getting closer. So stay tuned. :-)
Sometimes life gets in the way, and sometimes things are out of your control, but we're getting there. But we can give you a hint. We are starting a new web site devoted to animal rescues! We will be selling products, and 20% of EVERY item purchased will be donated to YOUR favorite animal rescue!

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 - About 5,000 years ago.
- 2) D - Dogs can learn up to about 250 words. Of course, YOUR dog is much smarter :-)
- 3) B - No, cats can not actually taste sugar.
- 4) C - 19 mph. That is for the average dog. Racing Greyhounds can hit 43 mph!

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