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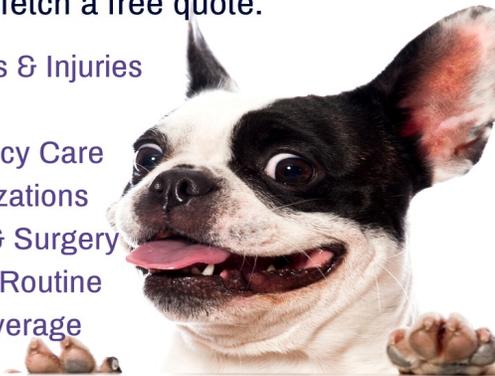
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We hope you are all safe and well during this global pandemic. Although we are still unable to deliver the Petzgazette to our regular locations for the month of June, we shall continue with our online Digital editions in the hope it will bring some lighthearted amusement into your quarantined lifestyle at present. Please continue to support our wonderful advertisers during these unprecedented times. We're all in this together!

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Who was Hollywood's first dog star?

The first dog to have a major role in a Hollywood film was Blair, a collie who played the title role in Rescued by Rover (1905) and was so popular that Rover has been a popular dog name ever since!

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Best Reprising Cat Performance

"The Hunger Games" Series

In the 2012 movie series, "The Hunger Games", **Buttercup** survived her share of nine lives, and then some. With a starring role in all four films, she gives Jennifer Lawrence a run for her money as the greatest survivor of the Capitals. "The Hunger Games" used numerous felines to portray Buttercup and her varying moods. **John** was the warrior cat. **Orion** was the loving, mellow one. American Humane had the pleasure of working with all the cats and made sure they were always acclimated to the locations and weather conditions before shooting. For example, in the scenes that had rain, production used extra warm water and the cats got a complete towel drying before being placed in a heated tent. Congratulations to Buttercup for performing the role of nine lifetimes.

TODAY'S LESSON
HOW TO USE A
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Fun Trivia



- *An albatross can sleep while it flies. It apparently dozes while cruising at 25 mph.
- *Those beautiful peacocks, distinguished by their crested head, brilliant plumage, and long spotted back feathers, are always males.
- *The last wolf in Yellowstone Park was killed in 1926. In 1995, wolves were reintroduced and, after just ten years, approximately 136 wolves now roam the Park in about 13 wolf packs.
- *While the Chow Chow dogs are well known for their distinctive blue-black tongues, they're actually born with pink tongues. They turn blue-black at 8-10 weeks of age.
- *Catnip can affect lions and tigers as well as house cats. It excites them because it contains a chemical that resembles an excretion of the dominant female's urine.
- *The American Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) was formed in 1866.
- *The U.S has the highest dog population in the world. France has the 2nd highest.
- *If never spayed or neutered, a female dog, her mate, and their puppies could produce over 66,000 dogs in 6 years! (so let's spay & neuter).

Macaw Parrots - Scientific name: Ara Macao

Ara is a neotropical genus of macaws with eight extant species and at least two extinct species. The genus name was coined by French naturalist Bernard Germain de Lacépède in 1799. It gives its name to and is part of the Arini, or tribe of neotropical parrots. The genus name Ara is likely related to arara, a Portuguese word for Ara, itself derived from the Tupi word a'rara.

The Ara macaws are large striking parrots with long tails, long narrow wings and vividly colored plumage. They all have a characteristic bare face patch around the eyes. Males and females have similar plumage. Many of its members are popular in the pet trade, and bird smuggling is a threat to several species.

SILLY JOKES

Talking Dog For Sale

A guy spots a sign outside a house that reads "Talking Dog for Sale." Intrigued, he walks in. "So what have you done with your life?" he asks the dog. "I've led a very full life," says the dog. "I lived in the Alps rescuing avalanche victims. Then I served my country in Iraq. And now I spend my days reading to the residents of a retirement home." The guy is flabbergasted. He asks the dog's owner, "Why on earth would you want to get rid of an incredible dog like that?" The owner says, "Because he's a liar! He never did any of that!"



QUIZ



1. A dog named King Tut helped which U.S. President get elected?
2. What is the official state dog of Texas?
3. At what age is a cat no longer considered a kitten?
4. What is the most notable feature of a pelican?
5. What is the scientific name for a Dolphin?
6. Where do guinea pigs originate from?

ANSWERS

1. Herbert Hoover.
2. Blue Lacy.
3. 1 year.
4. It's Bill.
5. Tursiops truncatus.
6. Andes mountains of Peru.



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Did You Know . . . !

J.K. Rowling may be able to invent massive worlds filled with myth and magic, but it looks like her pets have a better idea of a proper work-life balance than she does. Rowling is known to have at least two dogs, a Jack Russell terrier named Butch and a rescued greyhound named Sapphire and they all live in Scotland.

How many dogs are in the World?

Although around the world many families keep dogs as pets, the majority of the world's dogs are free-range. In 2012, the total population of dogs in the world was estimated to be about 525 million. Today that number is estimated to be at **900 million**.

BIRD TRIVIA

*Many birds have pigment glands that deposit colors on their eggs as they pass through the mother's oviduct. In the case of the American robin, the eggs are an eye-catching blue. Normally, a robin will lay three to five eggs per clutch. It takes about two weeks to incubate the eggs. The mother robin will spend most of her time sitting on the nest, but the male bird may occasionally sit on the eggs to give her a break. After hatching, the young robins will remain in the nest for about fifteen days.

*Birds like flycatchers, warblers, egrets and herons can move back slightly using the fluttering method, but the only bird that can actually fly backwards without relying on the wind is the amazing hummingbird.

PAW-SCOPES

DOGS
 Often maturing later in life, your dog may find it difficult to be apart from loved ones. You can depend on them to be included in everything you do. Not an outdoor dog, unless that activity includes swimming. He or she would prefer nestling right on your lap or snuggled by your side instead, especially during this quarantine time.

CATS
 Your cats love their toys and the corner toy box you provide for them, but the minute you try to change something, expect retaliation with some bad results. And don't even think of throwing that old beat up mouse away because they will be very disappointed when it suddenly disappears from the spot they call their own. Be warned!

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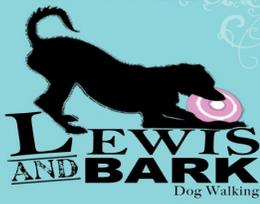
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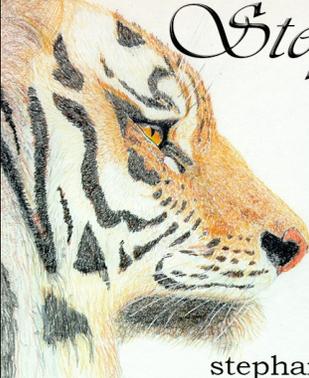
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Did You Know . . . !

- Rats laugh when tickled.
- Dolphins have names for each other.
- Puffins mate for life. They make their homes on cliff sides and set aside room for their toilet.
- Butterflies taste with their feet.
- Seahorses mate for life, and when they travel, they hold each others' tails.
- Crows are so intelligent they can play pranks on each other.

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- A domestic cat can run at speeds of 30 mph.
- The life expectancy of cats has nearly doubled over the last fifty years.
- Blue-eyed, white cats are often prone to deafness.
- Milk can give some cats diarrhea.



FUN QUARANTINE LAUGHS

Quarantine has turned us all into dogs. We roam the house all day looking for food. We are told 'no' if we get too close to strangers. And we get really excited about car rides.

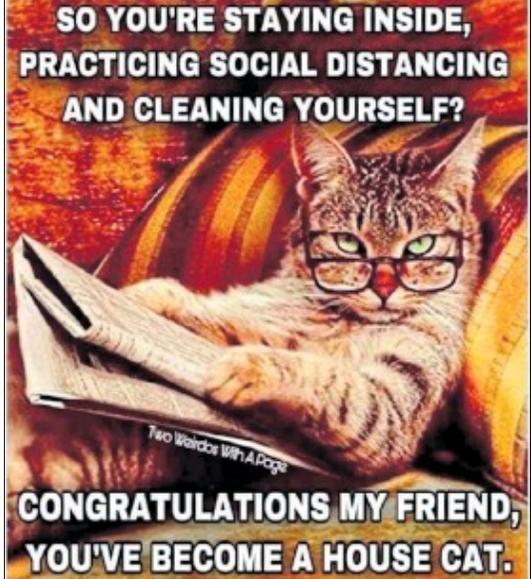
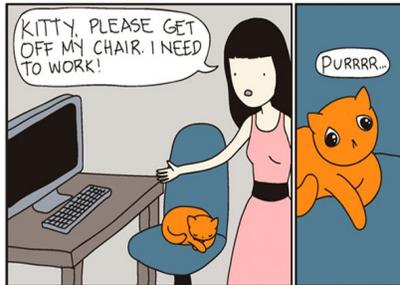


Mom, why are humans wearing muzzles?



Honey, they are too dumb to learn "sit" and "stay".

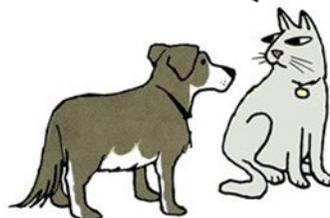
What is happening?
Humans are all wearing muzzles.



I FINALLY UNDERSTAND WHY DOGS GET SO EXCITED WHEN THEY SEE AN OPEN DOOR.



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HORSE TRIVIA



"Pie", The Hollywood Horse

One of James Stewart's favorite stories of his film career concerned his horse, Pie, a sorrel stallion whom Stewart called, "One of the best co-stars I ever had." Pie appeared as Stewart's horse in 17 Westerns, and the actor developed a strong personal bond with the horse. Pie was very intelligent, Stewart recalled, and would often "act for the cameras when they were rolling. He was a ham of a horse." When shooting the climax of "The Far Country," the script called for Stewart's horse to walk down a dark street alone, with no rider in the saddle, to fool the bad guys who were waiting to ambush Stewart. Assistant Director John Sherwood asked Stewart if Pie would be able to do the scene. Stewart replied, "I'll talk to him." Just before the cameras rolled, Stewart took Pie aside and whispered to the horse for several minutes, giving him instructions for the scene. When Stewart let the horse go, Pie walked perfectly down the middle of the street, to his trainer who was waiting with a sugar cube just out of camera range. He did the scene in one take. When Pie died in 1970, Stewart arranged to have the horse buried at his California ranch.

HORSE TRIVIA

The horse has served man well in various roles -- in war, hunting and sport. They also figure prominently in mythology and literature. Take this quiz and learn more about these magnificent creatures.

Q: What is a centaur?

A: In Greek mythology the centaur was a creature with the upper torso of a man and the body and legs of a horse.

Q: What is the best known horse in literature?

A: Black Beauty by Anna Sewell.

Q: What is a species of Wild Horse?

A: Przewaisk - Nicolai Przewalski found the only species of wild horse in Central Asia in 1881 and so it was named Przewalski's horse. The mustang of Wild West fame is descended from domesticated horses that escaped.

Q: What was Pegasus?

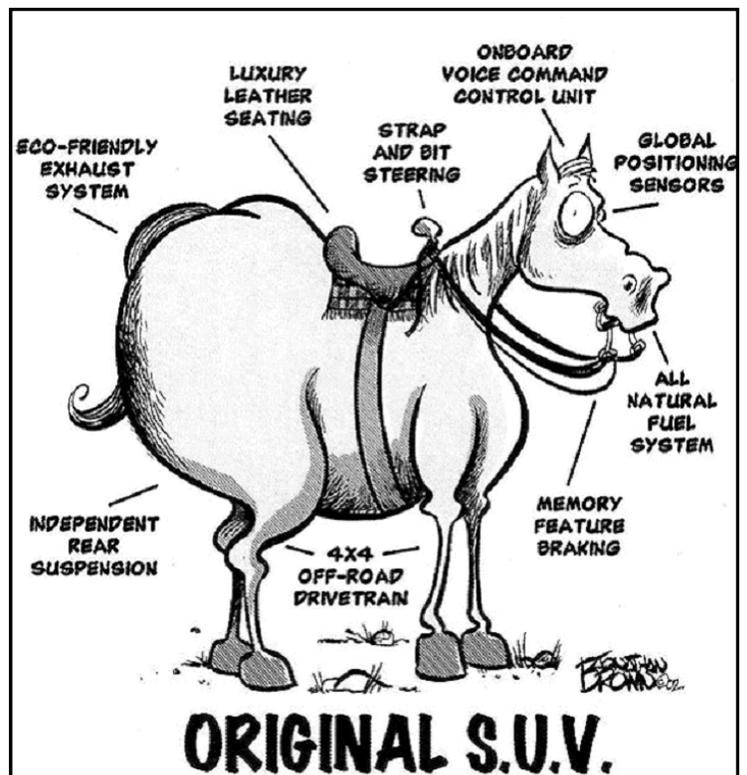
A: Pegasus is one of the best known creatures in Greek mythology. He is a winged divine stallion usually depicted as pure white in color. He was sired by Poseidon, in his role as horse-god, and foaled by the Gorgon Medusa.

Q: To what use is horse hair put?

A: The hair from the mane and tail is used for stuffing furniture.

Did you know !

A new entry has slipped into the equine cloning derby. Prometea, a Haflinger foal, was born to her genetically identical mother on May 28, 2003, in Cremona, Italy. The first cloned equine was a mule named Idaho Gem, born May 4, 2003



WAY BACK WHEN

TONKINESE CAT

The Tonkinese is a medium-sized cat with a sturdy, compact appearance similar to the Burmese and traditional Siamese cats. The breed comes in a variety of different colors and markings, including natural mink, champagne mink, blue mink, platinum mink, sable brown with points, champagne with points, blue with points, and platinum with points.



The Tonkinese breed hails back to the Middle Ages, and was imported to England in the 1800s. Originally known as a Chocolate Siamese, the breed is actually a combination of Burmese and Siamese blood.

In 1930, Dr. Joseph Thompson brought a small walnut-colored cat to California. Named Wong Mau, this cat went on to become a foundation cat for the Burmese and Tonkinese breeds in America.



The Tonkinese was first recognized as a breed in Canada in 1971, by the Canadian Cat Association (CCA). In the United States, the breed was first accepted by The International Cat Association (TICA) in 1979. In 1984, the Cat Fanciers Association granted the breed championship status.

The American Cat Fanciers Association (ACFA) also recognizes the breed.

