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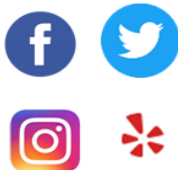
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## EASTER EGG ORIGIN

The idea of the Easter bunny giving candies and eggs is said to have originated in Germany during the Middle Ages, with the first written mention of this tradition dating back to the 16th century. Dutch settlers in Pennsylvania brought the bunny to the United States in the 1700s.



## FUN TRIVIA



\*A rabbit's foot may be carried as an amulet, believed to bring protection and good luck. This belief is found in many parts of the world, with the earliest use being recorded in Europe c. 600 BC.

\*Dogs can be trained to detect cancer and other diseases in humans. Cancerous cells release different metabolic waste products than healthy cells in the human body. Dogs may even be able to sniff out cancer cells simply through smelling someone's breath.

\*The correct term for a rabbit's tail is Scut. It's unlikely you'll ever need to use this word but it's interesting to know that there is a specific term for a rabbit's tail.

\*New York has the third largest population of dogs in the United States, with more than 2.7 million.

\*A crossbreed between a zebra and a donkey is called a Zonkey. One such zonkey named Pippi was born on July 21, 2019 in Chestatee Wildlife Preserve, Dahlonga, GA. USA. Her mother is a donkey while her father is a zebra.

\*According to the AKC, dogs curl up in a ball when sleeping as a way to protect their vital organs. This is leftover ingrained behavior from before they were domesticated; back then, sleeping like this would keep them safer from predators during their vulnerable sleeping state.

\*Hartsdale, N.Y. is the home to one of the oldest pet cemeteries in the United States. The cemetery was established in 1896 and has more than 12,000 plots.



## QUIZ



1. What type of animal is known as a "Flamboyance"?
2. What has the thickest fur of any mammal?
3. Where is the most popular Easter Parade held each year?
4. A baby Puffin is called what?
5. Which famous Jeweler decorated Easter eggs for Royalty?
6. Which celebrity was made into a chocolate bunny in 2015?

## ANSWERS

1. Flamingos.
2. Sea Otter.
3. New York.
4. Puffling.
5. Peter Karl Faberge.
6. Benedict Cumberbatch



## PAW-SCOPES

### DOGS

Your dog is often the leader of the pack or alpha dog, never faltering when new additions are added to the family. Often having shades of red in their coloring; it matches a fast and feverish pace. Their actions seem like lightning bolts, often taking people by surprise. They could win a race hands down.

### CATS

Having a 'me first' attitude makes it important that you feed your cat first. Keep this cat exercised with climbing poles and a large deck they can watch the birds from. Maybe even a handful of catnip mice that they can tear apart for treats might keep them busy for a while.

## JOKES

### Hungry Cat

One night while I was cat-sitting my daughter's indoor feline, it escaped outside. When it failed to return the following morning, I found the beast clinging to a branch about 30 feet up in a spindly tree. Unable to lure it down, I called the fire department. "We don't do that anymore," the woman dispatcher said. When I persisted, she was polite but firm. "The cat will come down when it gets hungry enough." "How do you know that?" I asked. "Have you ever seen a cat skeleton in a tree?" she said. Two hours later the cat was back, looking for breakfast.

In the 1922 children's classic "The Velveteen Rabbit," the rabbit's ultimate goal was to become 'Real'. The "Velveteen Rabbit" was Margery Williams' first and most popular book. In 1985, the story was made into a video narrated by Meryl Streep.

Rabbits may appear to be crepuscular, but their natural inclination is toward nocturnal activity. In 2011, the average sleep time of a rabbit in captivity was calculated at 8.4 hours per day. As with other prey animals, rabbits often sleep with their eyes open, so that sudden movements will awaken the rabbit to respond to potential danger.

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### Animal Trivia

\*The domestic cat is the only species able to hold its tail vertically while walking. Wild cats hold their tail horizontally, or tucked between their legs while walking!

\*It takes 4000 flowers for a bee to make one tablespoon of honey. No wonder the expression "as busy as a bee" came about!

\*Guinea Pigs are one of the few mammals that can not synthesize their own vitamin C and so it must be added to their diet.

\*Besides smelling with their nose, cats can smell with an additional organ called the Jacobson's organ, located in the upper surface of the mouth.

\*Rabbits love licorice!

\*The only 2 animals that can see behind itself without turning its head are the rabbit and the parrot.

\*The age of a lion can be determined by its nose. The nose changes color throughout the lion's life.

\*Biologically, an animal is a living thing that is not a human being or plant. A bird is classified in kingdom animalia meaning it is also an animal. Despite the fact that birds are animals, they have unique anatomic and physiological characteristics that distinguish them from the rest of the animals.

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In England, rabbit keepers erected many acre enclosures surrounded by a stone wall to keep the "Coney's in and the predators out. These enclosures were called warrens.

In 2008, researchers discovered a 53 million-year-old ancestor of the modern rabbit. The creature's foot bones were found in a coal mine in Gujarat, in west-central India, and the proto-bunny is now considered the oldest known member of the order Lagomorpha, a classification of mammals that includes rabbits, hares and pikas, the smaller cousin of rabbits and hares.

More recently, the skeleton of a giant-sized rabbit ancestor was unearthed on the island of Menorca, off the coast of Spain, in 2011. Named *Nuralagus rex*, this creature, which lived between three and five million years ago, was about six times the size of today's European rabbit, weighing in at around 26 pounds.





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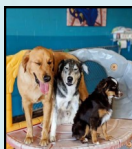
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# Funny Bunny Puns!

1. What do you call a rabbit housekeeper?

**A dust bunny.**

2. Where did the bunny bride and groom go after their wedding?

**On a bunnymoon.**

3. Why did the bunny eat the wedding ring?

**Because he heard it was 18 carrots.**

4. Did you hear about the rabbit who refused to leave her house?

**She was having a bad hare day.**

5. How do rabbits travel?

**By hareplane.**

6. What do you call a rabbit with fleas?

**Bugs bunny.**

7. What is a rabbit's favorite dance?

**Hip-Hop.**

8. What do rabbits put in their computers?

**Hoppy disks!**

9. Did you hear about the rich rabbit?

**He was a millionhare!**

10. What did the bunny say about the Easter parade?

**It was eggcellent!**

11. What do rabbits say before they eat?

**Lettuce pray.**



# WHY DO DOGS LOVE TO EAT GRASS?



Spring has arrived, which means the plant world is expanding, flowers are blooming, and grass is sprouting everywhere.

Dogs like chewing on grass, and some find it a part of their everyday routine. Although experts agree that grass ingestion in dogs may be natural, there are underlying medical conditions that may cause it. So why exactly do dogs like eating grass and should you be worried?



## Typically Grass-Eating Is Harmless

Whatever the cause, most experts believe that allowing your dog to eat grass poses no danger.

In reality, researchers discovered that wild canids and felids consume grass, with leaves and grass found in a range of 2-74 percent of wolf and cougar droppings and stomach contents. It may be a natural behavior that was inherited from wild canids to increase the passage of intestinal parasites.

## Can it be a Sign of Gastrointestinal Upset?

A dog will seek out a natural remedy for a gassy or upset stomach, and grass, it seems, may do the trick. If you notice that your dog has been eating grass, give your vet a call to discuss whether you should bring your dog in.

## When To Take Your Dog to the Vet

Watch out for a sudden increase in grass-eating. It could be a sign of a more serious underlying illness that your dog is trying to self-treat, and that may require a visit to see your veterinarian.

Other signs to look out for include:

- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Decreased appetite
- Weight loss
- Excessive drooling
- Lip-licking
- Changes to your dog's fur

Typically, some dogs have underlying GI disease with no other signs which is why veterinarians will recommend at least an anti-nausea medication trial for dogs who ingest non-food materials, including grass.





# WHY DO CATS EAT GRASS?

## Relieves Stomach Upset

Cats sometimes have undigested items in their stomach. These items may be their own hair or feathers and bones from their prey. These undigested items cause an upset stomach for their cat. Since, cats vomit after having vegetation, eating grass is a great way for them to ensure that they bring those undigested items they have swallowed back to their mouth. So, eating grass helps the cat to regurgitate its system and it also helps with an upset stomach.

## Folic Acid (Vitamin B9)

Another theory for why do cats eat plants is that they eat grass to get folic acid. Folic acid is a substance that is found in the cat's mother's milk. The lack of this vitamin can cause anemia in cats. So, if the cat has vitamins in its system then chewing on grass is its way to counter that deficiency. This is one of the most talked-about theories of why do cats eat grass.

## It is a type of Laxative

Just like us, cats too can get constipated. Sometimes the things a cat can't digest may cause problems in the bowel and its digestive tract which may result in those things being stuck. Eating grass would break those compounds and make it smoother to digest those items. So, if you were wondering do cats eat grass when they have worms, the answer is yes. Eating grass adds fiber and bulk to their diet and this helps them to pass worms or their own hairball through their digestive tract. So, grass for cats and helps them relieve constipation. However, a healthy cat should be able to digest items without the help of eating any grass at all.

## Heredity

In the past, wild cats used to feed on the grass to get rid of unwanted parasites in their digestive tract. Grass munching increases the activity in their digestive tract which helps them expel the unwanted parasites. Even though these unwanted parasites are not around anymore, especially in the case of domesticated cats, their biological impulse to munch on grass has stayed with them that they have got from their wild ancestors.

## Stress Eating

Yes, it can happen to cats too. Just like us, they may be subject to emotional eating. So, your cat may be nibbling on the grass to relieve anxiety or to satisfy an oral fixation. If you are seeing your cat do this accompanied by over-grooming themselves or by excessive vocalization, your cat may have behavioral issues. Seeing these symptoms in your cat can a good reason to be alarmed, and then the best action you can take is to the vet and find out different ways to make your kitty more safe and secure.







## **The White House Easter Egg Roll tradition started in 1878.**

The tradition of the White House Easter Egg roll dates back to 1878, when President Rutherford B. Hayes opened the White House lawn for the tradition after being approached by children on one of his daily walks.

Previously, children had celebrated Easter by playing games on Capitol Hill, but Ulysses S. Grant signed a bill banning the practice.

The White House Easter Egg Roll is still a tradition today. Besides the Egg Roll, the celebration also features stations where children and their families can decorate cookies, dye eggs, and participate in an Easter Egg hunt.

### **Easter Peeps**

Those sugary-sweet marshmallow candies were created in the 1950s by Sam Born, who founded the Just Born candy company. He set up shop in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, making these treats especially appropriate for Easter. Initially it took 27 hours to create a single Peep, but luckily Born's son created a way to make the process more efficient — it now takes only six minutes!





# HORSE TRIVIA



## ONE-LINERS

What do you call a horse that likes to stay up late?

A night mare.

What kind of bread do horses like to eat?

Thoroughbred.

Why do cowboys like to ride horses?

Because they're too heavy to carry.

What did the mother horse say to her foal?

It's pasture bed time!

Why do most horses look so fit?

Because they're on a stable diet.

How much money does a bronco have?

A buck.

What makes a horse sneeze?

Hay fever.

What kind of horse travels all around the world?

A globe trotter.

What kind of food do race horses like to eat?

Fast food.

## FAMOUS HORSES

**Sergeant Reckless** achieved the military rank of sergeant for her bravery and service in the service of the military.

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**Man O'War** was named Outstanding Horse of the 20th Century and has been featured on such high profile periodicals as The Blood-Horse, Sports Illustrated, ESPN, and the Associated Press.

Man O'War was only beaten once in a highly debated victory by a horse named Upset, which some say is not a valid race due to a faulty start.

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**Bucephalus** was the famous horse owned by Alexander the Great. He was tamed by young Alexander when no one else could break him.

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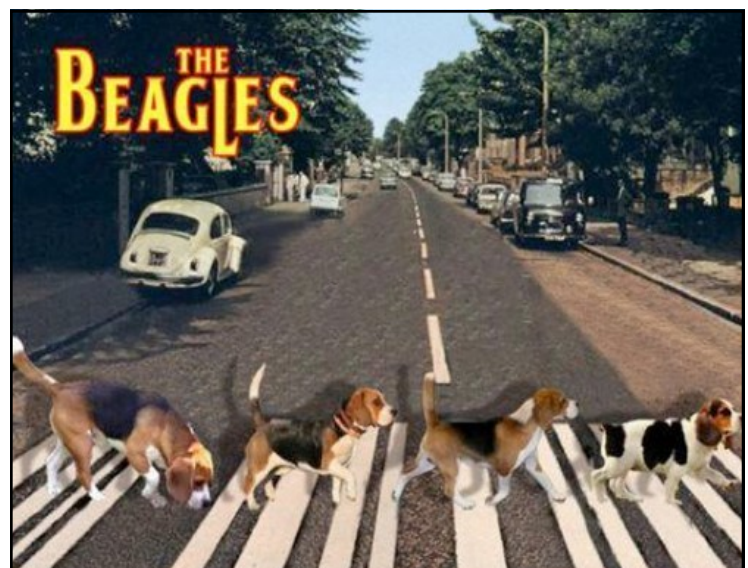
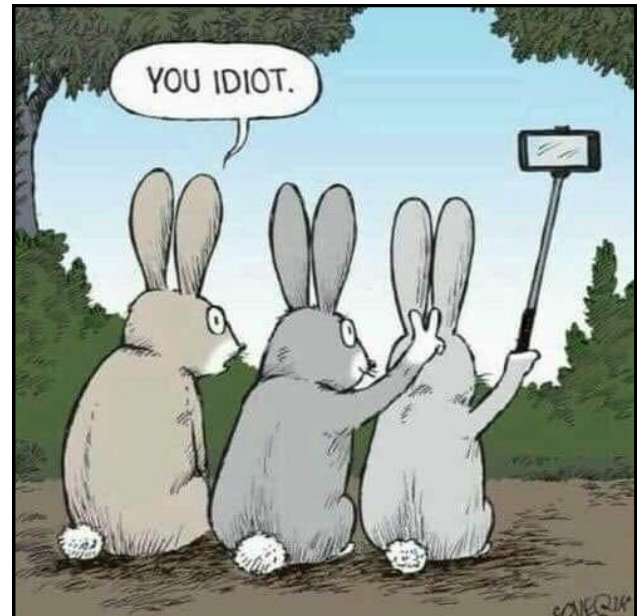
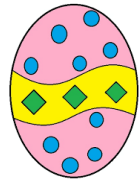
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# APRIL MEMES





## Easter Egg Museum

Over 1500 Easter eggs from all over the world are gathered in the Easter Egg Museum in Ciechanowiec. The founders of the museum, Irena Stasiewicz-Jasiukowa, Professor from the National Academy of Sciences in Warsaw, an authority in this field, and Jerzy Jasiuk, have been collecting eggs for 30 years.



**The world's Largest Easter Egg Collection was established in 2004.**

There is no other museum which would collect Easter eggs from all over the world, from every continent, except Antarctica, and from every region in Poland.

The collection is made up of eggs decorated with wax, paint, color paper, bulrush, knitting wool, as well as rice and poppy seeds.

Each egg is a piece of art, unique in its type and come from finch, quail, chicken, goose and ostriches. Eggs comes from all regions of Poland and Ukraine, Belarus, Russia, Czech Republic, China, Japan, Kenya, Brazil, Palestine, Greece, Cuba and many other countries in the world.

There are those which are man-made. There are wooden and iron crafted eggs in the collection. Visitors to the museum have the chance to compare different styles and techniques which decorate the eggs to create works of art.

Most of the techniques are now confined to history and aren't in use today. Polish folk Easter eggs form the majority of the exhibition, but there are eggs decorated in styles from countries such as China, Kenya, Japan and Russian.

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# First Aid Tips for Pet Owners










*April is Pet First Aid Awareness Month. Please take a minute to review first aid tips so you can care for your pet should an emergency occur.*



Pets are an important part of many families. April is Pet First Aid Awareness Month and its the perfect time to ensure you have the skills to take care of your furry family member.

## Pet First Aid Tips

Do you know what to do during a pet emergency? Here are some common emergency tips:

-  To determine if your cat or dog is dehydrated, pull up on the skin between the shoulder blades. It should spring right back; if it stays tented this is a sign of dehydration.
-  Signs of pet poisoning include bleeding externally or internally, dilated pupils, drooling or foaming at the mouth, seizures or other abnormal mental state or behavior.
-  If your pet has a seizure, make sure it is in a safe place, but do not restrain the animal. Keep your hands away from its mouth as your pet may not know who you are during a seizure and could bite you.
-  Signs of heat stroke or heat exhaustion include collapse; body temperature of 104 degrees F or above; bloody diarrhea or vomiting; wobbliness; excessive panting or difficulty breathing; increase heart rate; mucous membranes very red; and increased salivation.
-  Pets bitten by other animals need vet attention to prevent the wound (even if minor) from becoming infected and to check for internal wounds. Never break up a dogfight yourself because you could be bitten.
-  If your pet is bleeding, apply direct pressure using gauze over the bleeding site. If blood soaks through, apply more gauze (do not removed soaked gauze) until you can reach a veterinary hospital.
-  **Always contact your local Veterinarian in case of emergency.**



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