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Celtic Mythology

The *Cat Sith* is a fairy creature from Celtic mythology, said to resemble a large black cat with a white spot on its breast. Legend has it that the spectral cat haunts the Scottish Highlands. The legends surrounding this creature are more common in Scottish folklore, but a few occur in Irish folklore. Some common folklore suggested that the *Cat Sith* was not a fairy, but a witch that could transform into a cat nine times.

FUN TRIVIA

- *Polo was played for the first time in Europe in 1868 in County Limerick.
- *The ancient Irish Alphabet was called the Ogham and was used from the 5th to 10th centuries.
- *St. Patrick was born in Britain in the 5th century - no specific date has been recorded. He was taken captive and transported to Ireland when he was sixteen.
- *The first St. Patrick's Day parade/celebration was held in Boston in 1737.
- *St. Brendan, an Irish Monk, was a 5th century sailor. It is alleged that he discovered America before Christopher Columbus.
- *Known as the Emerald Isle, Ireland is the third largest island in Europe, and home to almost 5 million people. Potatoes, whiskey and Liam Neeson & Pierce Brosnan are amongst its many famous exports.
- *About 3 percent of pet owners will give St. Patrick's Day gifts to their pets.
- *The shillelagh was originally used to teach sword fighting when the Irish were not permitted to have swords.
- *In Ireland, not every city goes all-out in its celebratory efforts. From 1999 to 2007, the Irish village of Dripsey proudly touted that it hosted the Shortest Saint Patrick's Day Parade in the World. The route ran for 26 yards between two pubs. Today, Hot Springs, Arkansas claims the title for brevity – its brief parade runs for 98 feet.
- *According to olde Irish superstition, It is bad luck to marry on a Saturday in Ireland. The preferred days would be early in the week as is shown in this well-known rhyme: "Marry on Monday for wealth, Tuesday for health, Wednesday the best day of all, Thursday for crosses, Friday for losses and Saturday no day at all".

Irish Joke

The Car Park

An Irishman is struggling to find a parking space.
"Lord," he prayed. "I can't stand this. If you open a space up for me, I swear I'll give up the Guinness and go to mass every Sunday."
Suddenly, the clouds part and the sun shines on an empty parking spot. Without hesitation, the Irishman says: "Never mind, I found one!"

QUIZ

1. What color was originally associated with St. Patrick?
2. What is the national symbol of Ireland?
3. What year did Chicago first dye the river green for St. Patrick's Day?
4. What are the tri-colors of the flag of Ireland?
5. A 'Grimalkin' is an archaic term for what?
6. Which author is regarded as the best-selling Irish-born author of all time?

Answers:

1. Blue.
2. The Celtic Harp.
3. 1962.
4. Green, White & Orange.
5. Cat.
6. CS Lewis.



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CATS
Your cat can be your true companion for life, bonding with you on many levels. Try not to leave home without leaving something of yours for them to snuggle up to. They will miss you less if a reminder of your essence is left behind.

Did you know . . . !

*You may be familiar with W.B Yeats, but did you know that his brother Jack Butler Yeats won the first-ever Olympic medal for Ireland in Paris in 1924 for painting.

*Hook Lighthouse is thought to be the oldest working lighthouse in Europe or possibly in the world. Located at Hook Head, in County Wexford, the present structure was completed either in 1172 or 1245, although the first lighthouse on that spot dates back to the 5th century.

*According to the Belfast List, 2,225 people boarded the Titanic. Of those, 1,317 were passengers, and 908 people were members of the crew. Only 713 people survived.

The White House has a twin in Ireland.

Many people know that the White House was designed by an Irishman, Mr. James Hoban, but not everybody knows that the White House building has an Irish twin.

Kilkenny-born Hoban, who studied architecture in Dublin, is believed to have based his plan for the U.S. presidential home on Ireland's Leinster House, the Georgian style home of the Dukes of Leinster that is now home of the Dail Éireann (Irish Parliament).

Irish One-Liner's

Q. How would you recognize an Irish dog?
A. It walks backwards and waggles its head!

Q. How would you recognize an Irish pirate?
A. He's the one with patches over both eyes.

Q: What's the difference between an Irish wedding and an Irish wake?
A. At a wake, there's one less drunk.

Q. Why are there no Irish lawyers?
A. Because none of them could pass the bar.

Q. Did you hear about the Irishman who took his car for its first service?
A. He got it stuck between the church doors!

Q. What do you call a fake Irish stone?
A. A shamrock

Q. What's an Irish 7-course meal?
A. A six pack and a potato.

Q. How can you tell if an Irishman is having a good time?
A. He's Dublin over with laughter!!

Did you know . . . !

*The Dandelion is called the Irish Daisy.
*Irishman John Holland invented the submarine
*Abraham (Bram) Stoker (1845-1912) the author who created "Dracula" was a Dubliner.
*Irish drums are called Bodhrans.
*The Brooklyn Bridge, Erie Canal and the Eastern half of the Transcontinental Railroad were all the result of Irish laborers.
*Thomas Fitzpatrick successfully led the first wagon train across the prairies to California.
*Henry Ford had a car factory in Ireland near his ancestral home.



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Myths & Legends

The pooka (or púca) are shape-changers that are some of the most feared creatures in Irish mythology and folklore. According to Irish stories, they were said to bring either good or bad fortune to those who saw them and were particularly feared around times of harvest.

During a recent password audit at the Bank of Ireland in Strabane, it was found that a customer was using the following password:

MickeyMinniePlutoHueyLouieDeweyDonaldGoofyDublin.

When the customer was asked why he had such a long password, he replied: "Bejzus! Are yez so stupid? Shore Oi was told me password had to contain at least 8 characters and include one capital"!

SMALL ISLAND/LARGE HISTORY

*Phoenix Park in Dublin has an area of some 1,752 acres and is the largest city park in Europe.

*The largest teddy bears picnic was held in the Phoenix Park at Dublin zoo on the 24th of June 1995 with 33,573 teddy bears and their owners in attendance.

*The largest church in Ireland is St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin which is 300 ft in length.

*The largest blanket bog in Europe is The Bog of Allen in County Kildare.

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IRISH TRIVIA



*Ireland is the only country in the world where windmills turn clockwise.

Research by University College Dublin found that 36 percent of homes in Ireland have a dog, while just one in 10 homes own a cat.

*Central Park in New York City is the site of the Old Irish Shantytown.

*March 17th, 1905: Albert Einstein finishes his scientific paper detailing his Quantum Theory of Light, one of the foundations of modern physics.

*The RMS Titanic was built in the Belfast shipyard of Harland and Wolff. It departed from Southampton, England on April 10, 1912. Tragically, the Titanic sank 4 days later on April 14th after colliding with an iceberg.

*The tricolor flag was adopted in 1937: green symbolizing catholics; orange, protestants, and the white the bond between the two.

*New Orleans has the highest number of Irish descendents in the south.

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AN IRISH PUZZLE

Paddy bought himself a jigsaw puzzle with 20 pieces. It took him a month to fit the pieces together correctly. He thought this was terrific, but his mate O'Reilly said,

"What's the big deal?"

Paddy replied, ' Well it said on the box: 4 to 6 years.'

Back in the 1800's, the term "Paddy Wagon" comes from when the drunk Irish got arrested and they all said their name was Paddy (i.e. like John Doe today).

The Claddagh Ring

The **Claddagh ring** (Irish: *fáinne Chladaigh*) is a traditional Irish ring which represents love, loyalty, and friendship (the hands represent friendship, the heart represents love, and the crown represents loyalty). The design and customs associated with it originated in the Irish fishing village of Claddagh, located just outside the old city walls of Galway, now part of Galway City. The ring, as currently known, was first produced in the 17th century.



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HORSE TRIVIA

- Q: In what century did the world's biggest horse live?
 A: The 19th century. It was 219 cm high and weighed 1524 kg.
- Q: What surprising part of a horse keeps growing as long as they're alive?
 A: Hooves.
- Q: When was the first instance of horse cloning recorded?
 A: In Italy in 2003.
- Q: To which mythology does the winged horse Pegasus belong?
 A: Greek.
- Q: Which Disney princess was the owner of a horse named Major?
 A: Cinderella.

HORSE TRIVIA

*Horses were first domesticated in around 3500 BC, probably on the steppes of southern Russia and Kazakhstan, and introduced to the ancient Near East in about 2300 BC. Before this time, people used donkeys as draught animals and beasts of burden. ... Horses were used in war, in hunting and as a means of transport.

*What is a wall eyed horse?

In horses, a blue colored eye is referred to as a wall eye. Horses may have two blue eyes, or one blue and one brown eye. The blue color is created by a lack of pigmentation in the iris.



ST. PADDY

St. Paddy (1957–1984) was a British Thoroughbred racehorse and sire.

His performances in both 1960 and 1961 were instrumental in making his sire Aureole the Leading sire in Great Britain & Ireland both years. St. Paddy was the winner of the 1960 Epsom Derby and St. Leger Stakes.



RESCUE NEWS



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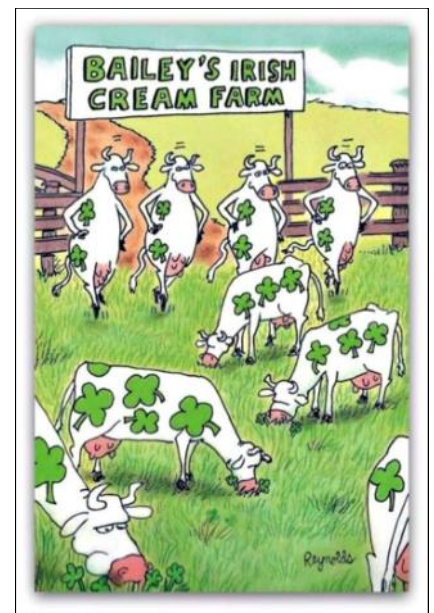
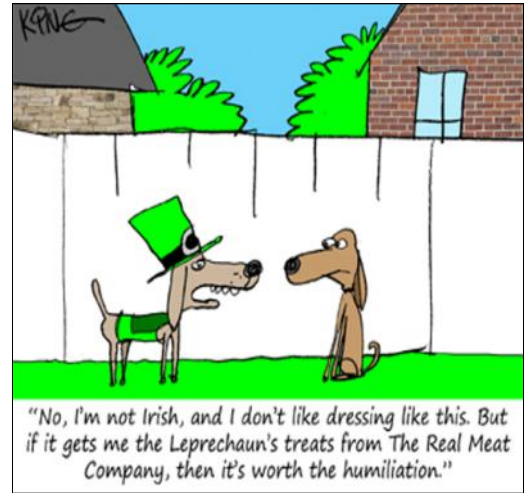
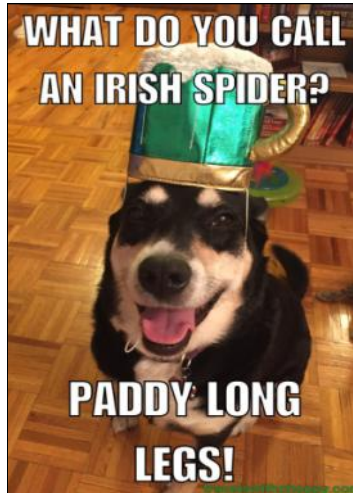


Karma Rescue received a \$20,000 grant from Animal Farm Foundation.

The money will be used for Karma's Project Coco Program



MARCH MEMES



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A Brief History of The Irish Setter

The Irish Setter's precise ancestry is often the subject of debate: Some sources theorize that crosses of Irish Water Spaniels and Irish Terriers were the Irish's earliest ancestors, while other experts believe that English Setters crossed with Irish Water Spaniels, Springer Spaniels and Pointers, with perhaps some Gordon Setter thrown into the mix, were the more likely ancestors. That being said, Irish hunters on foot greatly valued a dog that could point and retrieve, and early ancestors of the modern Irish Setter were chosen for their hunting abilities, not their color or conformation.

It wasn't until the later part of the 17th century that hunters began breeding for particular types of setters that would eventually evolve into recognizable and separate breeds; Irish breeders bred for a slightly taller, rangier and superbly athletic type of hunting dog that would eventually be known as the Irish Setter.

These early ancestors were probably much smaller and with less coat than today's dogs, and their hunting style was to stay fairly close to the hunter, certainly within shooting distance, and to run back and forth in a short zigzag pattern in front of the hunter – wider in open spaces and narrower in forests or more confined areas. These original dogs came in several colors, the Irish Setter and the Irish Red and White Setter considered to be the same breed for some time. It's believed that the solid red setter didn't appear in Ireland until in the 19th century. In fact, the Irish Earl of Enniskillen may have started the fad for solid red dogs because by 1812, he declared he would have no other kind in his kennels. In 1874, the Field Dog Stud Book became the first pure-bred dog registry in the United States and focused on working dogs. In 1875, "Elcho" was the first Irish Setter to be imported in the US and went on to become a star in the show ring and the field. The first Irish Setter to be registered with the AKC was in 1878, and thereafter, Irish Setters quickly became one of the most popular breeds in America.

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Some people say you should hang the horseshoe with the ends - the heels - pointing up so the good luck it brings won't drain out. Others say the heels should be pointing down so the good luck falls on anybody passing through the doorway. Superstitious sailors believe that nailing a horseshoe to the mast will help their vessel avoid storms.



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