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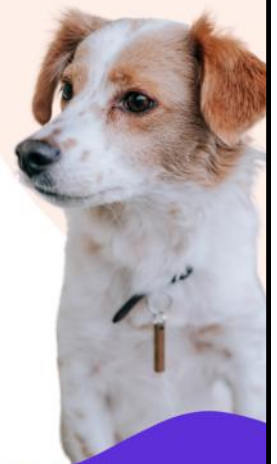
Why are fire hydrants associated with dogs?

Many veterinarians have suggested that the reasoning behind dogs urinating on red fire hydrants is due to the dyes used to paint on municipal fire hydrants. The sweet smell of the dye is similar to how dog urine smells. Another reason dogs pee against these objects is because they are marking their territory.



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"ASTROCAT"

A cat has been to outer space. A French feline by the name of Felicette went to space on October 18th, 1963. Her 15-minute ride nearly 100 miles above Earth exposed her to 9.5 Gs of force, and she was weightless for a short amount of time. This cat is the first and only cat to go to space, and she appropriately earned the nickname "Astrocat."

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FUN TRIVIA



- *The common dog name "Fido" comes from the Latin word for "faithful" or "fidelity."
- *The names of 77 ancient Egyptian dogs have been recorded. The names refer to color and character, such as Blackie, Ebony, Good Herdsman, Reliable, and Brave One.
- *The burying of bones is part of a dog's instinctive feeding ritual; shaking things viciously is part of the hunting ritual.
- *Cats in Halifax, Nova Scotia, have a very high probability of having 6 toes.
- *To a dog, a fire hydrant under maintenance is like a bathroom that's out of service!
- *In Iran, it is against the law to own a dog as a pet, you need to be able to prove they are a guard or hunting dog.
- *Service dogs are trained to know when they are on duty. When their harness is on, they know it's business time. When you take it off, the pups immediately become playful and energetic.
- *The first dog registered with the American Kennel Club was an English Setter named Adonis in 1884.
- *The best dog to reportedly attract a date with is the Golden Retriever.
- *The cuddly Australian Koala bears sleep around 18 hours a day.
- *The only insect that can turn its head is the praying mantis.

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A client recently brought her two cats to my husband's veterinary clinic for their annual checkup. One was a small-framed, round tiger-striped tabby, while the other was a long, sleek black cat.

She watched closely as he put each on the scale. "They weigh about the same," he told her. "That proves it!" she exclaimed. "Black does make you look slimmer. And stripes make you look fat."



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QUIZ



1. What is the most poisonous frog on Earth?
2. What reptile is known for the ability to change its body color?
3. Which animal is known to spend 90% of its day, sleeping?
4. Which country is the world's largest supplier of wool?
5. Where do Shiba Inu's come from originally?
6. What is the only breed of cat that does not have retractable claws?

Answers:

1. The golden dart frog.
2. Chameleon.
3. Koala Bears.
4. Australia.
5. Japan.
6. Cheetah.

PAW-SCOPES

DOGS:

The weekends are good days for your human to concentrate on your pet projects, ie, a visit to the dog park or a stroll on the beach, and riding in the car with your head out the window and catching that wind! And when you return, you will claim the most comfortable chair in the house and no one will even notice.

CATS:

You are the type of cat that loves to be groomed and adorned, along with your humans praise and affection. Although a bit lazy and self-indulgent, you lounge around the house looking like the perfect accessory. And your purrs and meows are never ignored!

The Mayor of Talkeetna
Stubbs was an orange tabby cat that was found in Talkeetna, an Alaskan district.

The cat was named Stubbs after its stub tail. Stubbs unexpectedly rose to become Mayor of the district in July 1997 when the tabby cat was elected by voters after they felt the human candidates were not good enough.

Amazingly, Stubbs was Mayor of Talkeetna for 20 years until his passing in 2017.

Did you know . . . !

*Did you know that most horses like fruit, although you should take out the stones of plums before handing them over. No doubt there is a horse somewhere that eats oranges, but most of them don't like the bitter peel.

*Abraham Lincoln was known as an avid cat-lover. He had two cats while he was in the White House, **Tabby** and **Dixie**, and because of his affection toward the four-legged creatures, he would also bring in strays. There are many reports from his contemporaries as well as his wife about the president's love of cats. It is said that the president once fed **Tabby** from the table during a formal dinner at the White House.

Q: How many flowers do honey bees have to visit in order to make one pound of honey?
A: 2 million

*The U.S. has the highest dog population in the world. France has the second highest.

Longest Journey by a Butterfly

A tagged male monarch (*Danaus plexippus*), released by Donald A. Davis (Canada) at Presqu'ile Provincial Park near Brighton, Ontario, Canada on 10 September 1988 was recaptured on 8 April 1989 in Austin, Texas, USA. It is assumed that this butterfly spent the winter in Mexico as it would not have been able to survive freezing winter temperatures in Texas. Hence, this butterfly travelled at least 4,635 km (2,880 miles) – a distance obtained by measuring a line from the release site to the overwintering sites and back north again to Austin, Texas, USA. However, the actual distance travelled could be double this figure.



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Hamsters usually live for up to two years, although some may live for longer. Here are some top hamster facts: There are 24 species of hamster and they belong to the family Cricetidae. The Syrian, Russian Dwarf Campbell and Roborovski breeds are the most popular for pets.

Did you know . . . !

Female chickens, or hens, need about 24 to 26 hours to produce one egg. Thirty minutes later they start the process all over again. In addition to the half-hour rests, some hens rest every three to five days and others rest every 10 days.

Himalayan Cat Colors

Himalayan cat colors truly span the spectrum of cat breed colors. One important aspect of the Himalayan breed's history is that it has taken decades for many Himalayan cat colors to receive recognition from the most prestigious cat associations. Thanks to the hard work of several breeders in preserving and extending certain color traits, a variety of Himalayan color point shades are now recognized by the Cat Fancier's Association (CFA). This truly is an accomplishment because the CFA is a longstanding cat association that represents the most conservative standards within the breeding world. Himalayans, Ragdolls, and Siamese are some of the best-known cats with point coloring.

The most dogs ever owned by a single person was 5,000 Mastiffs which were owned by Kubla Khan.

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If you notice your dog having a dream, follow the old adage "let sleeping dogs lie." Disrupting his sleep during the REM (rapid eye movement) cycle can be startling (think about how you feel waking up from a dream), which can result in an unintended bite, growl or, at the very least, a sleepy or grumpy dog in the morning!

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A: They're watch dogs. They need to wind themselves up.

Q: What do you call a bird that lives underground?

A: A mynah bird!

Q: What has four legs and goes "Oom, Oom"?

A: A cow walking backwards!

Q: What animal is on the end of Mary Poppins umbrella?

A: Parrot Head

CELEBRITY INSTA-GRAMMY'S

(click on celebrity box to follow)



Lily Collins

The *Emily in Paris* star created an Instagram page for her dog, Redford, in December 2019. Under the handle @redforddog, Collins shares adorable snaps of her pet.



Trey Songz

The R&B singer's dog, Kane Songz, has his own Instagram account and his very own fanbase. During Trey's most recent tour, his fans made posters dedicated to the black and white Frenchton. Talk about popular! Follow him at @kanesongz.

Katy Perry

The American Idol judge created an Instagram for her dog, Nugget, ahead of the release of her music video for "Small Talk," which features this cute canine.

@missnuggetperry



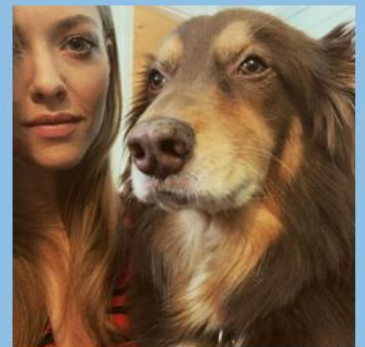
Paris Hilton's late dog Tinkerbelle was once one of the most recognizable pets in Hollywood. Since then, Paris has become a mom to several other furry friends and she has created a whole page that showcases their luxurious canine lives. Follow them all @hiltonpets!

Andy Cohen's pup Wacha Cohen, who was rescued from a kill shelter in West Virginia, will have you giggling over his captions on Instagram. His photos are super-entertaining and it shows just how close his bond is with his human. Follow him @therealwacha.



Amanda Seyfried

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**Take Your Dog To Work Day
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For those who are returning to work post-covid, [Pet Sitters International](#) has provided pet owners a few tips to ensure a successful office visit on Take Your Dog to Work Day:

Do an office check. No one will mind your dog being in the office, right? Well, maybe. Check with management and co-workers to see if anyone is allergic, afraid of or opposed to you bringing your dog to work on this special day. Be respectful of those you work with and plan an alternate celebration, if necessary.

Puppy-proof your work space. If you plan on working with your dog, make sure your office environment is safe. Remove poisonous plants, hide electrical cords and wires and secure toxic items such as correction fluid and permanent markers. Any office items in question should be placed out of paw's reach.

Make sure Fido is fit for work. Even dogs don't get a second chance to make a first impression. Be sure your dog's shots are current. Make plans to have your dog bathed and groomed before accompanying you to work. Be mindful of your dog's "work-readiness." You know your dog's demeanor, so if he is aggressive or overly shy, it's best to leave him at home. Consider how your dog has behaved in the past around strangers before making the decision to bring him – if your dog has shown fear, irritability or aggression, or if your dog has never met strangers, the workplace is not the best place for him.

Prepare a doggie bag. Include food, treats, bowls, toys, leash, paper towels, clean-up bags and pet-safe disinfectant. If you are routinely in and out of your work space, consider bringing a baby gate for your doorway or a portable kennel for your dog's comfort and your peace of mind.

Plan your pet's feeding times carefully.

During an important sales call is probably not the best time for a puppy potty break. Plan your dog's feeding time around your work schedule and be sure to choose an appropriate area for your dog to relieve himself afterward.

Avoid forcing co-workers to interact with your dog.

Dog lovers will make themselves known. Sally from accounting and Joe in human resources may not want to play fetch or offer belly rubs, so be mindful of fellow employees' time and space. To avoid pet accidents, monitor the amount of treats your pet is being given from your co-workers. Remember that chocolate, candy and other people food should not be shared with dogs and that not all non-dog owners will be aware that these items can be very toxic to your pooch.

Have an exit strategy. Although most dogs enjoy Take Your Dog to Work Day, your pet may not. Should your dog become overly boisterous, agitated or withdrawn, consider taking him or her home or plan in advance for your professional pet sitter to offer a midday check-in visit. Never, under any circumstance, leave your pet alone in a vehicle while you work.





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JUNE HORSE TRIVIA



HORSE TRIVIA / Q & A

Q: When was the first instance of horse cloning recorded?

A: In Italy in 2003.

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: How many horses pulled the Wells Fargo stagecoach?

A: Pulled by four or six horses, Wells Fargo stagecoaches carried mail, packages, passengers, baggage, and a Wells Fargo treasure box. Riding in a stagecoach was not like riding in a car. The roads were not smooth like our roads today. They were rutted and rocky, and the ride was very bumpy.

Q: In Scandinavian folklore, a horse lives in a river. What is it known as?

A: The Neck.

Q: Which horse was the only survivor of Custer's division at the battle of Little Bighorn?

A: Comanche.

Q: What was the mid-20th century TV show that starred a talking horse?

A: 'Mr. Ed'.

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Mythical Horses



For thousands of years, horses and people have shared a sacred bond. Humans' love for horses has gone so deep that they have become part of our myths and legends. People have passed on stories of mythical horse beings for centuries.

Here's the first of ten such myths.

1. Tulpar: Originating in Turkish mythology, Tulpars are flying horses that were usually black or white. Their wings were more commonly associated with their swift speed rather than with flight. Tulpars can also be found in Asain legends, as Tulpar remains were said to have been used to invent the fiddle.



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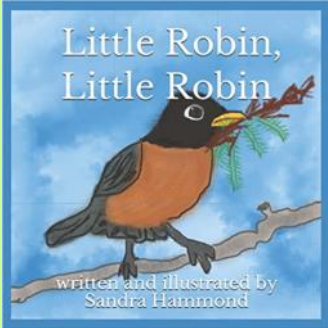
Often when I am visiting some of the local events that take place here in the Conejo Valley, I meet with so many talented and gifted people who have a booth and are showing off their creations. One such person I met recently was Sandra Hammond, a local author who has written quite a few enchanting books. Below is her story.

A LOCAL AUTHOR

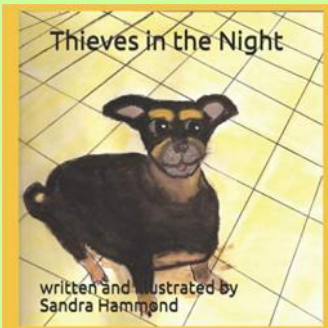
Have you ever found inspiration from crazy animal behavior? Let's say a beehive in the olive tree on your front lawn? Or raccoons inviting themselves to dine in your dog's dish? How about a mouse in your bed at Christmas time with a candy cane?



Well, whether or not you relate to these experiences, I've turned these, and more, into laughable and lovable children's stories for you to enjoy.

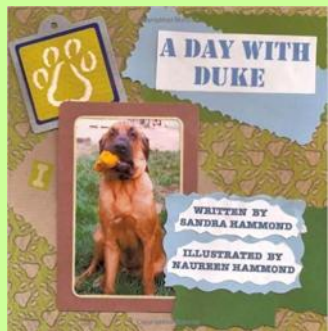


Also, welcome to my entertaining life. My name is Sandra Hammond. I've lived in the Conejo Valley since 1997. My husband and I, and our three children, moved here from Arizona after I obtained my teaching credential. While our children were growing up, I was a substitute teacher for many years. Working with children, and teaching various grade levels, helped me to understand what youngsters liked and found to be funny. Along the way, I picked up many hobbies including rock hounding, crocheting, gardening, hiking, jewelry making, and writing.



The first book I wrote, in 2009, revolved around the crazy drama of my newest hobby: chickens. I had received some from a friend and thought it would be an easy and fun experience for my kids. Drama began after a couple of my chicks ended up being roosters. I traded them in for hens in Moorpark. The crazy antics ensued, inspiring me to write *The True Story of Cinderella*.

Essentially, I had fallen in love with writing and became addicted! However, I felt I lacked imagination, thus I began writing stories based on other ridiculous animal adventures that took place in our home. For example, our mischievous Bible-butter-bratwurst eating bloodhound was the main character of my second book, *A Day with Duke*. Both stories were written with the humor and enjoyment of pet owning. Afterwards, many people began telling me about their animal experiences as well. It seemed crazy things happened to everyone!



Little by little, more cooky situations were arising at home. It was as if they were begging to weave themselves into new stories for me to publish. I found pleasure in putting the animal antics into print for others to appreciate. Also, children love the science facts I sneak into my stories. As of today, I have nine children's books for ages 3-13. With each, I've done my own artwork (except for one book's illustrations by my beloved sister-in-law).

And for those of you who have a story to write: I've always thought there wasn't a need for a publisher's approval. Thus, I independently published each of my books on Amazon. Currently, I teach kindergarten in Oxnard and am in the process of re-editing my first two books to republish them. I'm excited to see what adventures will arise next. Also, I attend several pop-up events per year to meet and connect with locals. I hope to meet you soon!

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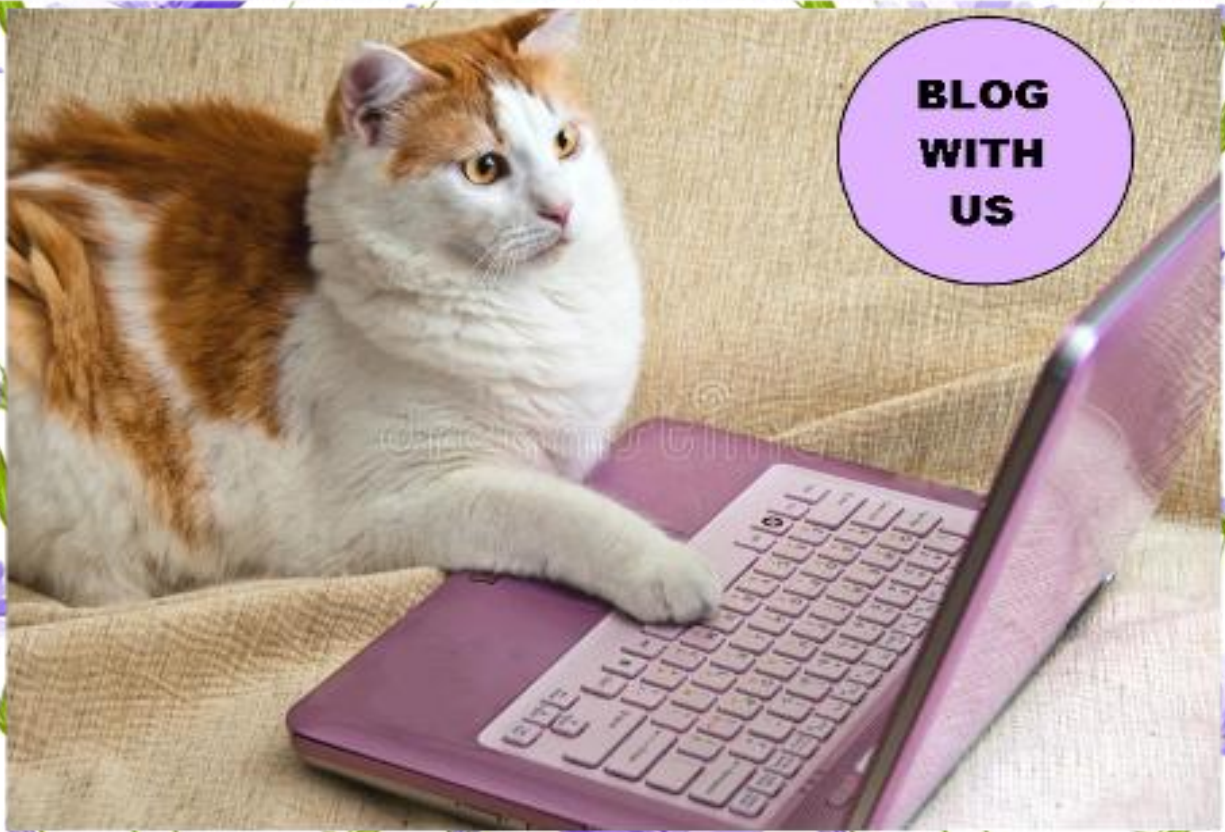


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