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Did you know !

Elwyn Brooks White was an American writer. He was the author of several highly popular books for children, including *Stuart Little*, *Charlotte's Web*, and *The Trumpet of the Swan*. In a 2012 survey of School Library Journal readers, *Charlotte's Web* came in first in their poll of the top one hundred children's novels.



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Siamese Color Change

In the 1930s, two Russian biologists discovered that color change in Siamese kittens depend on their body temperature. Siamese cats carry albino genes that work only when the body temperature is above 98°F. If these kittens are left in a very warm room, their points won't darken and they will stay a creamy white.



FUN TRIVIA



*The Rabbit is the fourth in the 12-year cycle of the Chinese zodiac sign. The Years of the Rabbit include 1915, 1927, 1939, 1951, 1963, 1975, 1987, 1999, 2011, and 2023. For Chinese people, the rabbit is a tame creature representing hope for a long time.

*Boxers were named after their habit of playing. At the beginning of play with another dog, a Boxer will stand on his hind legs and 'box' at his opponent.

*A dog's shoulder blades are unattached to the rest of the skeleton to allow greater flexibility for running.

*The only land animal to have four leg joints that bend in the same direction is an Elephant.

*The earliest known painting with a rabbit in it was painted in 1530 by Titian 'Madonna with a Rabbit'.

*It is believed that the Chow Chow, or fluffy lion-dog, was used as a model for Foo dogs, the traditional stone guardians found in front of Buddhist temples and palaces.

*Well-cared for domestic hedgehogs live considerably longer (4-7 years) than their wild cousins. In the wild, these small insect-eating animals seldom live beyond the age of 3 years.

JOKES

TURTLE-RECALL

There once was a baby elephant and a baby turtle drinking from a river deep in the jungle. For no reason, the turtle reaches over and bites the elephant's tail really hard. Years and years later, the same elephant, now grown up, is by the same river having a drink with his giraffe buddy, when the same turtle that bit him on the tail all those years ago wanders up to the river. The elephant rears back a leg and kicks the turtle as hard as he can, sending him flying way off into the jungle. "Why did you do that?" the giraffe asks. "When we both were babies, that turtle bit my tail for no reason," the elephant replied. "Wow! You must have a good memory!" exclaimed the giraffe. "Yep!" said the elephant. "I've got Turtle-Recall."



QUIZ



1. What animal can go longer than a camel without water?
2. A "Puggle" is a cross between which two dog breeds?
3. What does a hippopotamus excrete to keep cool?
4. Which TV series had a dog named K9 who was also a robot?
5. What is the official state sport of Alaska?
6. What kind of hair does a Mexican Xoloitzcuintli dog have?

Answers:

1. Rats.
2. Pug and Beagle.
3. Oil.
4. Dr. Who.
5. Dog Mushing.
6. None.

PAW-SCOPES

DOGS:

Now that Spring is in the air, you'll find your dog's ears will perk up! This will make him wag his tail and want to go romping in the park along with other pet pals. Also lots of pet events this month to visit together - this could prove to be a rewarding and fun time for everyone!

CATS:

Rarely will the feline species obey a human command, but this month's cat appears to actually understand the human language and may even "meow" back in answer. With spring here, lots of smells abound outside which cats love to check out.

Q & A

Q: What do you do if your dog chews a dictionary?

A: Take the words out of his mouth!

Q: What do you call a cold dog sitting on a bunny?

A: A chili dog on a bun.

Q: What is a cat's favorite movie?

A: The sound of Mew-sic!

Did you know . . . !

Rabbits don't have pads on their paws. Only fur. Rabbits are a bit like hobbits, in that they have furry feet! They are the only land mammals that do not have paw pads. Paw pads are thought to help animals run faster, whereas rabbits move in a different way, and the thick fur still provides cushioning.

UPCOMING EVENTS

BARK IN THE PARK

Sunday, April 23rd, 2023 from 11am - 3pm at Conejo Creek North 1379 E. Janss Road, (Behind the Thousand Oaks Library)
<https://www.crpdp.org/events/bark-in-the-park/>

POOCH PARADE

Ventura Pooch Parade will be on Sunday, May 7th. 10am - 4pm at Ventura Harbor Village. More details on their website.
<https://cardogs.org/events-2/pooch-parade-2023/>

LASSIE

Lassie, the TV collie, first appeared in a 1930s short novel entitled "Lassie Come Home" written by Eric Mowbray Knight. The dog in the novel was based on Knight's real life collie, Toots. Lassie was played by several male dogs, despite the female name, because male collies were thought to look better on camera. The main "actor" was named Pal. In 2005, a remake of the original Lassie Come Home movie was produced in the United Kingdom and it starred Peter O'Toole and Samantha Morton. Lassie was released in 2006.

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Did you know . . . !

The earliest documentation of domestic rabbits in America was in 1840 when Lop ear and Angora rabbits were imported. If domestic rabbits resided in America prior to that time, their breeding was done quietly with no fanfare. By 1910, the National Pet Stock Association of America (later re-named American Rabbit Breeders Association) was formed to set standards for breeds developed and shown in America. To this day, rabbit fanciers continue to improve rabbit breeds and develop new breeds.

Heroic Dog

In 1954, Tang, a big, friendly collie in Denison, Texas, leaped in front of oncoming vehicles on more than one occasion to rescue children. He often used his strength to push young children to the curb before they could be struck by an oncoming vehicle.

Once, Tang firmly planted himself in front of a parked milk truck and refused to move. He barked furiously until he convinced the driver to get out of the truck and look in the back. The surprised driver found the truck's back door was wide open and a 2-year-old girl had wandered inside. Had it not been for Tang, everyone believed the youngster would have fallen out when the truck pulled away.



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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.



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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.

This humble warhorse came from humble beginnings as a packhorse in the Korean war, to become a decorated veteran by the end of her tenure.

Honored for her faithful service, she not only delivered supplies to soldiers on solo missions but also evacuated wounded soldiers from battle-torn areas.

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.

He has sired more successful progeny than most other racehorse stallions, and his bloodlines extend to such greats as Seabiscuit, Secretariat, War Admiral, Hard Tack, Battleship, and more.

Frankel has been called "The Unbeatable Wonder Horse" thanks to his perfect record on the racetrack. He was rated the highest of any racehorse in the world in 2011, and dubbed the equine version of Usain Bolt.

At 16.1 hh, he is an iconic British racehorse, and undefeated European champion. Some have even compared him to the great Secretariat.

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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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.
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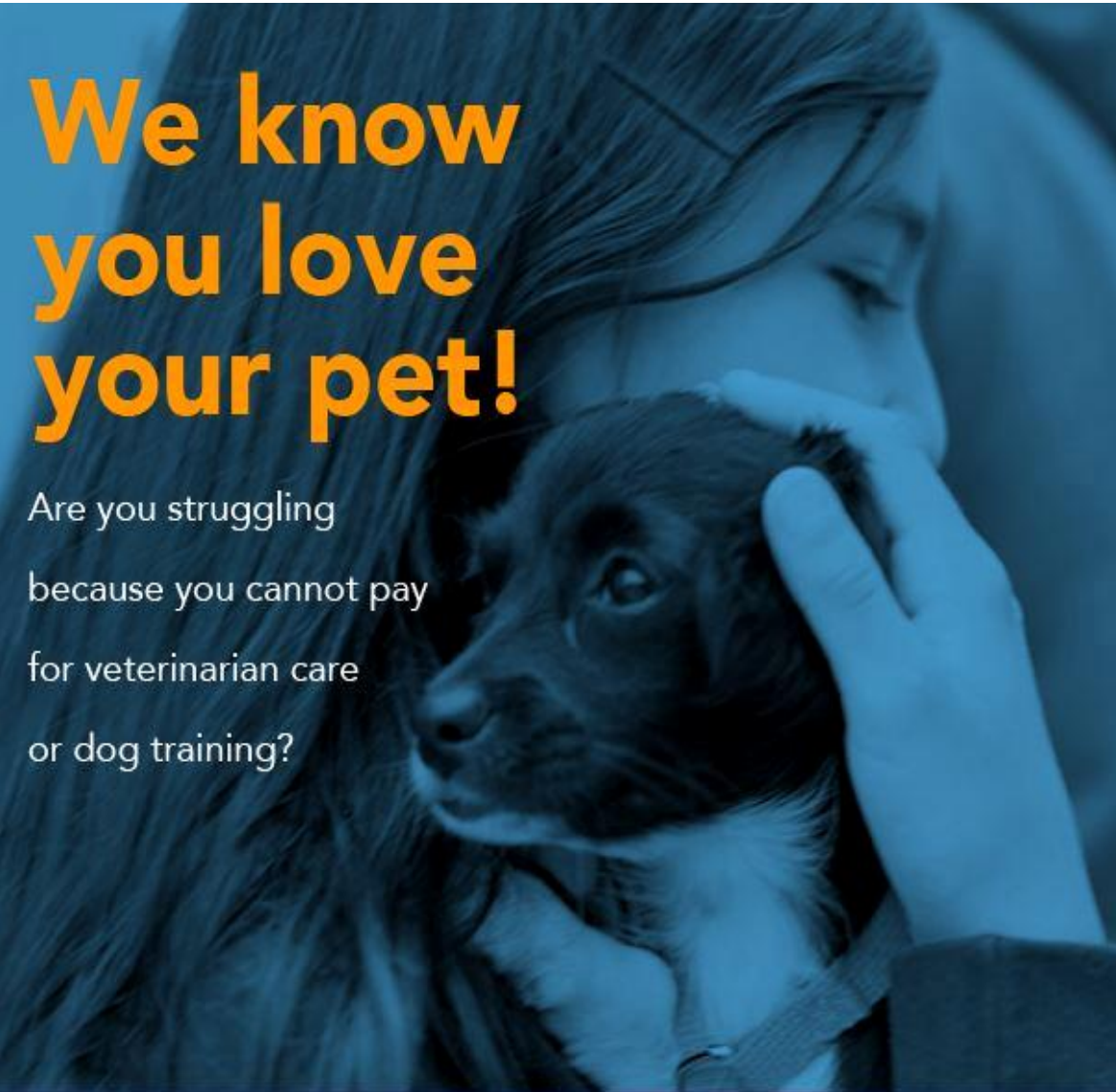




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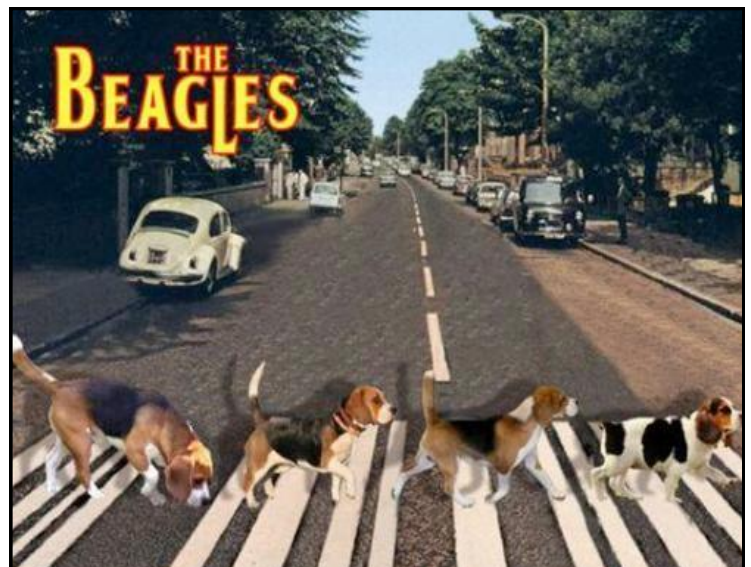
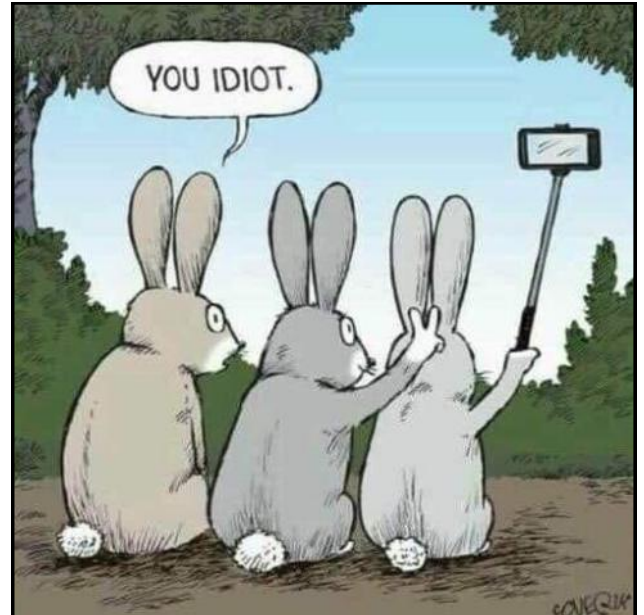
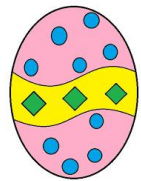
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Around 1885, Russian jeweler Peter Carl Fabergé took the decoration of eggs to new heights. He volunteered to create a jewelry egg for Czar Alexander III to give his wife, Marie. Fabergé kept the egg a secret, but delighted the royal family with an ordinary looking "egg," but with tiny surprises made of gold, enamel, and precious gems inside.

Throughout Alexander's reign, only one Fabergé egg was made each year. It was presented to the Czar at Easter. When Nicholas II ascended the throne, Fabergé began making two eggs, one for the new Czar to give his wife, Alexandra, and the other for the Czar's mother. As they were being made, each egg was a closely guarded secret. Inside, each contained a surprise.

Each egg was a masterpiece. In 1891, for example, Fabergé presented the Azova egg, carved from a solid piece of green jasper and covered with gold and diamond scrollwork in Louis XV style. A tiny replica of the ship Pamiat Azova, made in gold and set on a piece of aquamarine, was inside.

After the Russian Revolution of 1917, the Fabergé collection was dispersed and many of the eggs were later sold in the West.



History of the Easter Bunny

Every year on Easter, legend has it that a long-eared, cotton-tailed creature comes to deliver festive baskets full of treats, toys, and delicious candy to children — and even lays colorful eggs for them to find! Among other Easter traditions like hot cross buns and egg hunts, the Easter Bunny has long been a well-known and popular symbol associated with the religious holiday — but have you ever wondered about the Easter Bunny's origins, and how exactly the cute, fluffy woodland creature became such a prevalent symbol of Easter?



The History of Your Favorite Easter Traditions

Surprisingly, there's a lot of history behind the mythical story of an egg-bearing rabbit on Easter Sunday (and it's not just because he's cute!).

The Easter Bunny actually has a long and deeply rooted history in the Christian holiday — and even in pagan traditions. Here's what to know about the fascinating origins of the Easter Bunny before you welcome the holiday with chocolate rabbits and plenty of bunny-shaped treats, including where the character comes from, why he's associated with Easter eggs, and how he became such a beloved symbol of the holiday over the years.



So, where does the Easter Bunny come from?

The Bible has no mention of a mythical hare who delivers eggs to children on the day of Jesus Christ's resurrection — so how exactly did the Easter Bunny become a prominent symbol of one of Christianity's most important holidays? One theory is that the symbol of the rabbit stems from the ancient pagan tradition believed to have started the celebration of Easter — the festival of Eostre, which honored the goddess of fertility and spring. Supposedly, the goddess's animal symbol was a rabbit, which have long traditionally symbolized fertility due to their high reproduction rates.

As for how the specific character of the Easter Bunny originated in America, that it was first introduced in the 1700s by German immigrants in Pennsylvania, who reportedly brought over their tradition of an egg-laying hare named "Osterhase" or "Oschter Haws." As the story goes, the rabbit would lay colorful eggs as gifts to children who were good — so the kids would make nests in which the bunny could leave his eggs, and would even sometimes leave out carrots in case the hare got hungry! Eventually, the custom spread across America to become a widespread Easter tradition — and over time, the fabled bunny's delivery even expanded from just eggs to include other treats such as chocolate and toys.

Why does the Easter Bunny bring eggs?

Since rabbits are mammals (and thus give birth to live young), you might be wondering why exactly the Easter Bunny is said to lay eggs on the holiday. The answer may be as simple as the fact that eggs, like the rabbit, have long been an ancient symbol of fertility, rebirth, and new life — all things associated with the springtime celebration of Easter! From a Christian perspective, eggs for Easter are said to represent Jesus' resurrection and his emergence from the tomb. The tradition of decorating eggs for Easter may date back to the 13th century, when eggs were traditionally a forbidden food during the Lent season — which is why people would decorate them as the fasting period came to an end, and then eat them as a way to celebrate Easter Sunday.

What does the Easter Bunny look like today?

Today, the Easter Bunny is traditionally depicted with a white rabbit costume with long ears, often wearing clothes in human-like fashion. He can typically be found at Easter parades and other celebratory events for the holiday carrying a basket filled with colorful eggs, candy, and other treats to give out to kids; like Santa Claus on Christmas.

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