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Did you know !

*President Kennedy's 1963 trip to Ireland resulted in two more pets-as-gifts: Shannon, a cocker spaniel, a gift of the Barry family, distant cousins of the president; and Wolf, an Irish wolfhound, who was a gift from a priest.

*The UK's Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (RSPCA) was founded in 1824 by Richard Martin, an Irish politician and one of the first animal rights activists.

*What is the Blarney Stone and why is it famous? Kissing Ireland's Blarney Stone is a tradition that's been around for several centuries, and is said to give a person the gift of eloquence and persuasiveness. The iconic stone is set in a wall of Blarney Castle, constructed in 1446 by Dermot McCarthy, King of Munster, on the site of a demolished 13th century castle.



FUN TRIVIA



*It is estimated that about 65-70% percent of pet owners will give St. Patrick's Day gifts/treats to their pets!

*Known as the Emerald Isle, Ireland is the third largest island in Europe, and home to almost 5 million people. Potatoes, whiskey, along with Peter O'Toole, Liam Neeson, Pierce Brosnan and Aidan Turner are amongst its many famous movie stars.

*The first St. Patrick's Day parade/celebration in the USA was held in Boston in 1737. NYC's St. Patrick's Day parade has been happening since 1762 and is one of the world's largest.

*The Northern Lapwing (*Vanellus vanellus*) was declared the Republic of Ireland's national bird by a committee of the Irish Wildlife Conservancy in 1990. The Lapwing's colors include green white and gold which are the colors on the Irish flag.

*Of all the cat colors in the world, albino is the rarest. Albinism causes a complete lack of pigment, so cats have pink skin, white fur, and pale blue or pink eyes. In order to be albino, a cat must inherit two recessive genes for albinism (A/A), one from each parent. Albino dogs can also occur in any breed, but are more common in some breeds, such as Doberman Pinschers, Pugs, Pekingese, Lhasa Apsos, Pomeranians, and Dachshunds.

*Saint Brigid, also known as Brigid of Kildare, is Ireland's only female patron saint. She was born around the year 451 AD, just north of Dundalk, County Louth. During her life, she was an early Irish Christian nun, abbess and founder of many different monasteries of nuns.



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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).



During the gold and silver rush years in the second half of the 19th century, a number of the most famous and successful miners were of Irish and Irish American birth. Over time this association of the Irish with mining fortunes led to the expression 'Luck of the Irish.'

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*Thomas Fitzpatrick successfully led the first wagon train across the prairies to California.

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

*Irish Coffee was invented at The Buena Vista Bar in San Francisco.

*A grandiose neo-Gothic building in Cobh, County Cork, St Colman's Cathedral took 47 years to build and finally opened in 1911. Its spire stands 100m tall and the tower houses 42 bells, comprising the largest carillon in Ireland.

*The artist Pablo Picasso owned a dog named Kabul whom Picasso claimed influenced his painting style. Kabul was an Afghan Hound. Picasso claimed that he would see Kabul in his mind while painting portraits, thus encouraging him to paint people with longer noses and finer, fluffier hair.

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Irish Domestic Cats

The enduring popularity of cats in Ireland were so beloved that in the Middle Ages, a set of laws known as Catslechtæ described penalties associated with mistreating these feline friends. Today, there are approximately 325,000 cats keeping households company throughout Ireland.

Irish Domestic cats are not pedigreed cats. Rather, they are random-bred cats that have developed in Ireland and adapted to their native environment. Despite lacking purebred status, some cat associations allow them to compete in shows in a general "housecat" category.

The Manx and Cymric are cat breeds with Irish roots. The Manx is a tailless cat that originated on the Isle of Man, which is located in the Irish Sea. The Cymric is a long-haired version of the Manx.

So Irish . . . !

*The ancient Irish Alphabet was called the Ogham and was used from the 5th to 10th centuries.

*The worldwide spread of St. Patrick's Day was partially due to the 1845-1849 Great Potato Famine that forced more than a million Irish to emigrate. Today, more than 200 countries celebrate it.

*The phrase "Kiss me, I'm Irish" quote comes from the Blarney Stone legend, which is supposed to bring luck to you if you kiss it.

*Because corned beef and cabbage is an Irish American creation and tradition, what do people in Ireland typically eat on St. Patrick's Day? They eat Irish Fry, scones, Irish soda bread, beef pot roast and more as these are traditional Irish meals on St. Patrick's Day.

*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).

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IRISH JOKE OF THE DAY

A Kerryman rang Aer Lingus and asked how long it took to fly from Dublin to London.

"Just a minute sir," said the girl on the desk.

"Thank you," said the Kerryman and hung up!



**There's nothing
so bad that it
couldn't be
worse.**

~Irish Proverb



Andrea's Pet Art

Andrea has been painting on and off her whole life, a passion and love she has had since childhood. After a 30 year career as a practicing counselor and psychotherapist, she now has more time to devote to her art. Largely self-taught, she has spent many years painting dogs and family pets for friends and loved ones. There is nothing more satisfying for her than bringing joy to peoples faces when they see their beloved pets come to life in a burst of color!

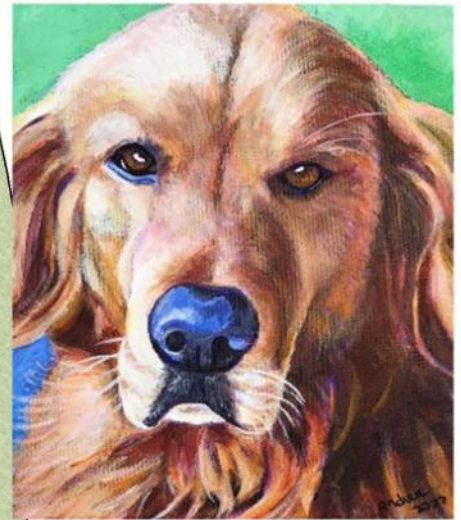
She lived in Malibu most of her life, but after losing the family home in the Woolsey fire, Andrea and her family now resides in Los Angeles, along with their 3 beautiful kitties, Gerald, Lewis and Scottie.

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PAW-SCOPES

DOGS

Your pooch can be rather lazy and indulgent at times. And without lifting a paw, they make a beautiful display sprawled across the couch. When not resting, he or she needs to have interactive playtime, both inside and out as this is a must to keep their mental and physical agility intact.

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.

JOKES

Paddy & Murphy

Paddy and Murphy go for a day of fishing, but when they get to the bridge they realize they have forgotten their equipment. So Murphy comes up with an idea. "Paddy you hold me by the ankles over the bridge and when I see a fish I'll grab it". So Paddy hangs him over the side. All of a sudden Murphy shouts "Paddy, pull me up quick" Paddy asks "why Murphy, have you caught a fish?" "No Paddy", Murphy replies, "There's a train coming"!

Celtic Mythology

The *Cat Sìth* 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 Sìth* was not a fairy, but a witch that could transform into a cat nine times.

WE SHOULD REALLY WEAR BLUE

Originally, Saint Patrick's color was "a light shade of blue. The color green only became associated with the big day after it was linked to the Irish independence movement in the late 18th century.

St. Patrick's Day

Pet Safety Tips

March 17th



Be(er) Careful

Alcohol is toxic to pets and should never be left unsupervised. It can cause immediate physical symptoms and lead to potential kidney damage.



Irish Goodbye

Keep your pet on a leash or in an enclosed area during parties to ensure they don't get spooked and run away



Kilt- astrophe

Animals can become overheated when wearing costumes. If your pet is dressing up, then be on the lookout for signs your pet is too warm or may be uncomfortable.



Party Animal

Make sure your pet has a safe refuge they can go to escape the noise and chaos if you are hosting the celebration



Wear Green

If your pet insists on celebrating the day with some green, ensure that any dyes or coloring are pet-safe and won't affect sensitive skin or be harmful if ingested.



Erin Go NO

Avoid giving treats from the table, instead provide your pet with their own safe snack away from potential dangers.



IRISH QUIZ



1. What is the national symbol of Ireland?
2. What iconic UK structure turns green to celebrate Saint Patrick's Day?
3. What is the capital city of Ireland?
4. According to Irish folklore, what will you find at the end of a rainbow?
5. What is Dog in Gaelic?
6. What water-loving dog breed is known for its curly coat and rat-like tail?

ANSWERS

1. The Celtic Harp.
2. The London Eye.
3. Dublin.
4. A Pot of Gold.
5. Madra.
6. Irish Water Spaniel.

Horseshoe's are Good Luck!

For those who are superstitious, 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 downwards 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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The legend of the harp

It is said that Dagda, the main god of Irish Celtic mythology, possessed the first harp, but it was stolen by the gods of cold and darkness.

Since then the sadness takes over the population. Dagda turned to the divinities of light and art, and they gave it back to her.

This was how joy returned to men, and the harp became a national icon that is still part of the country's folk music. This instrument is also part of the historical tradition of Ireland, given the relevance of the harpist musicians, who occupied a prominent position in society during the Celtic era.



FUNNY MEMES

HIS NAME IS RAINBOW, BUT
LET'S JUST SAY YOU DON'T
FIND GOLD AT THE END...



May the luck of the tortie
be with you!



MY MOM'S
A DALMATIAN,
MY DAD'S AN
IRISH SETTER.



NOW
WHAT?

WE WAIT FOR THE
LITTLE GREEN MAN TO
BRING US A POT OF
LIVER TREATS FROM THE
END OF THE RAINBOW.



10 Fun Facts About Ireland

1. Dublin is the capitol of Ireland
2. The Shamrock is one of the national symbols of Ireland
3. Another national symbol is the harp
4. Ireland is called Eire in Irish (Gaelic)
5. There are over 3 million sheep in Ireland
6. The Currency in Ireland is the Euro
7. Gaelic is Ireland's 1st official language
8. Ireland is an island nation
9. An Irishman designed the White House
10. There are no wild snakes in Ireland
* only 1 type of lizard

EDITOR'S COMMENTS:

Unusual Historic Myth's and Tales

As the editor of Petzgazette.com, it is not only my duty, but also a privilege to research many of the articles I share with my readers and followers. Sometimes I find many interesting stories and information to bring to everyone, both for entertainment and educational purposes. I'm a great believer that none of us are ever too old to learn something new!

Recently, while researching items of interest for our March (Irish) issue, I happened upon a website that showed me there were so many Irish Folk and Faerie Tales of Ireland, some of which I personally had never heard of. Way too many for me to list all in one go, which is why I'm sharing this website below, so you may browse at your leisure and learn more about these historic Irish myths and legends, folklore and faerie tales. I hope you have as much fun as I did learning about so many of these!

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THE IRISH SETTER

The Irish Red Setter, originating in Ireland, is believed to have developed from a mix of English Setters, Spaniels, Pointers, and Gordon Setters, with early ancestors being predominantly red and white in color; through selective breeding, the solid red coat became the defining characteristic of the breed, making the "Irish Red Setter" the modern standard today.

Key points about the Irish Red Setter history:

Early Setters in Ireland:

Setting dogs existed in Ireland since the 1700s, primarily used to locate game birds by "setting" or freezing in place when they found scent, allowing hunters to approach and capture the prey with nets.

Color Variation:

The original Irish Setters were not solid red, but rather a mix of red and white markings, with breeders eventually selecting for the solid red color.



19th Century Development:

The solid red Irish Setter as we know it today became established in the 19th century, gaining popularity in both hunting and show rings due to its striking red coat.

American Influence:

Irish Setters were brought to the United States in the late 1800s, where they further gained popularity as both working hunting dogs and show dogs.

Decline and Revival:

During the mid-20th century, the breed's focus shifted more towards conformation in show rings, potentially impacting their working abilities. Modern breeders are working to re-emphasize the Irish Setter's hunting instincts while maintaining their elegant appearance.

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