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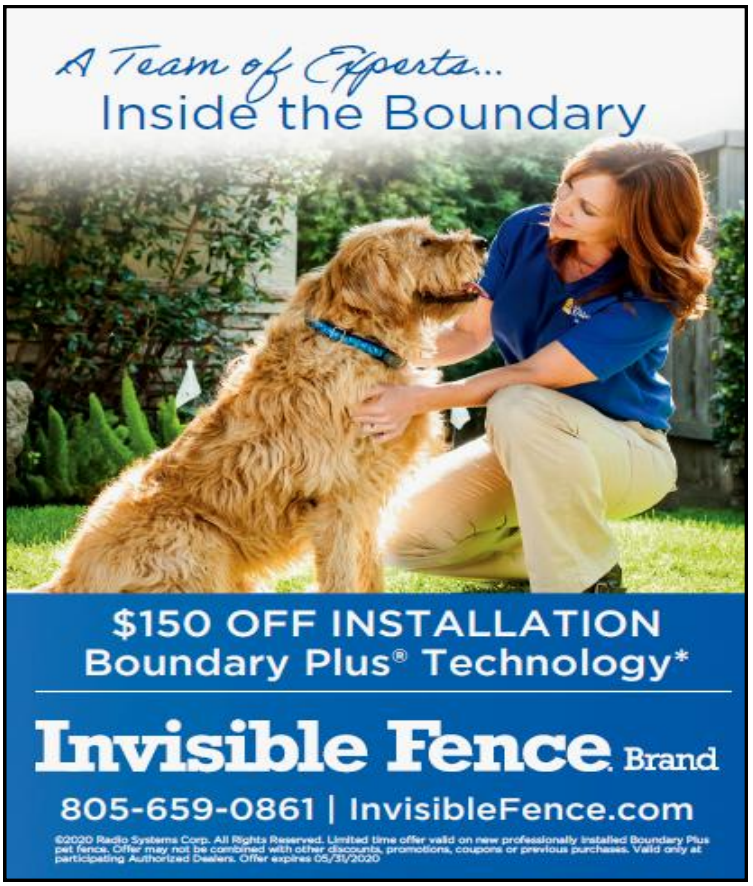

The Pekingese and Japanese Chins were so important in the Ancient Far East that they had their own court of servants and were worshipped in Ancient Chinese Temples. They were also carried on trade routes as gifts for monarchs and emperors.

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According to the Guinness Book of World Records, the largest Dachshund dog walk is 897 and was achieved by Dackelmuseum OHG in Regensburg, Germany, on 22nd September 2024.

"The difference between cats and dogs is, dogs come when they are called, cats take a message and get back to you."

FIRST CAT VIDEO

In 1894, Thomas Edison's studio filmed "The Boxing Cats", a short silent film featuring two cats in a boxing match, which is considered a precursor to modern day cat videos.

The film (directed by William K.L. Dickson and William Heise, and starring Henry Welton), depicts two cats wearing boxing gloves and boxing in a miniature ring.

It was filmed in Thomas Edison's Black Maria studio in West Orange, New Jersey.

The cats were part of a "cat circus" that traveled around the country, and the boxing match was a highlight of the show.

While not a "video" in the modern sense, it's considered an early example of people enjoying footage of cats, and thus a precursor to the popularity of cat videos on the internet.

The film is also known as "Edison Kinetoscopic Record of Boxers" or "Corbett and Courtney Before the Kinetograph".

Fun Trivia

*The Samoyed is known for its “Sammy smile” due to the shape of its mouth, which looks like they are always smiling.

*6 million U.S. households share their home with a reptile, whether it be a turtle, leopard gecko, bearded dragon, or other variety. Like fish, birds, and small mammals, there are so many reptiles to choose from.

*Cats in Art: Their graceful forms adorned jewelry, sculptures, and tomb paintings, symbolizing protection, fertility, and divine grace. During the Middle Ages in Europe, cats took on a more ambiguous role, often associated with superstition and witchcraft.

*During the Second World War, animals were awarded the Dicken Medal for bravery. Considered as the animal version of the Victoria Cross, the medal was awarded 54 times between 1943 and 1949 and the recipients were 32 pigeons, 18 dogs, 3 horses, and 1 cat.

*The Australian Shepherd dog is not actually from Australia. In fact, they are a European breed perfected in California by way of Australia.

*Germany was the first country to train seeing eye dogs after WWI as a way to help disabled veterans. In 1916 they opened the world's first guide dog school in Oldenburg, Germany.

*A group of ravens is called an "unkindness" or "conspiracy," which seems fitting, since ravens are traditionally considered creepy; in fact, seeing many of them in one place can induce Hitchcockian "The Birds" - like flashbacks in even the least ornithophobic (those people with a fear of birds).

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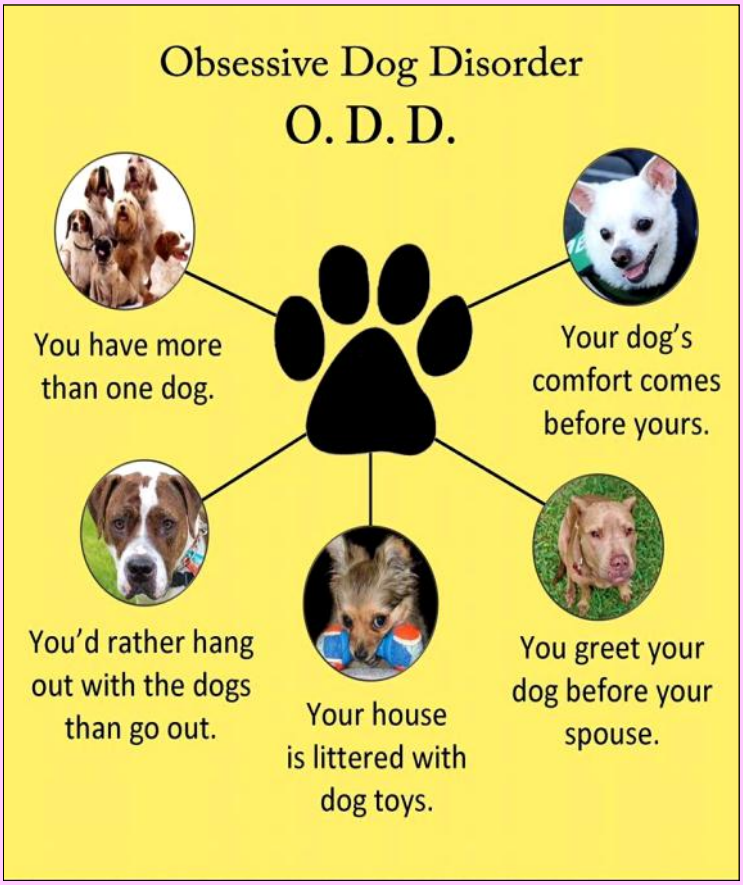

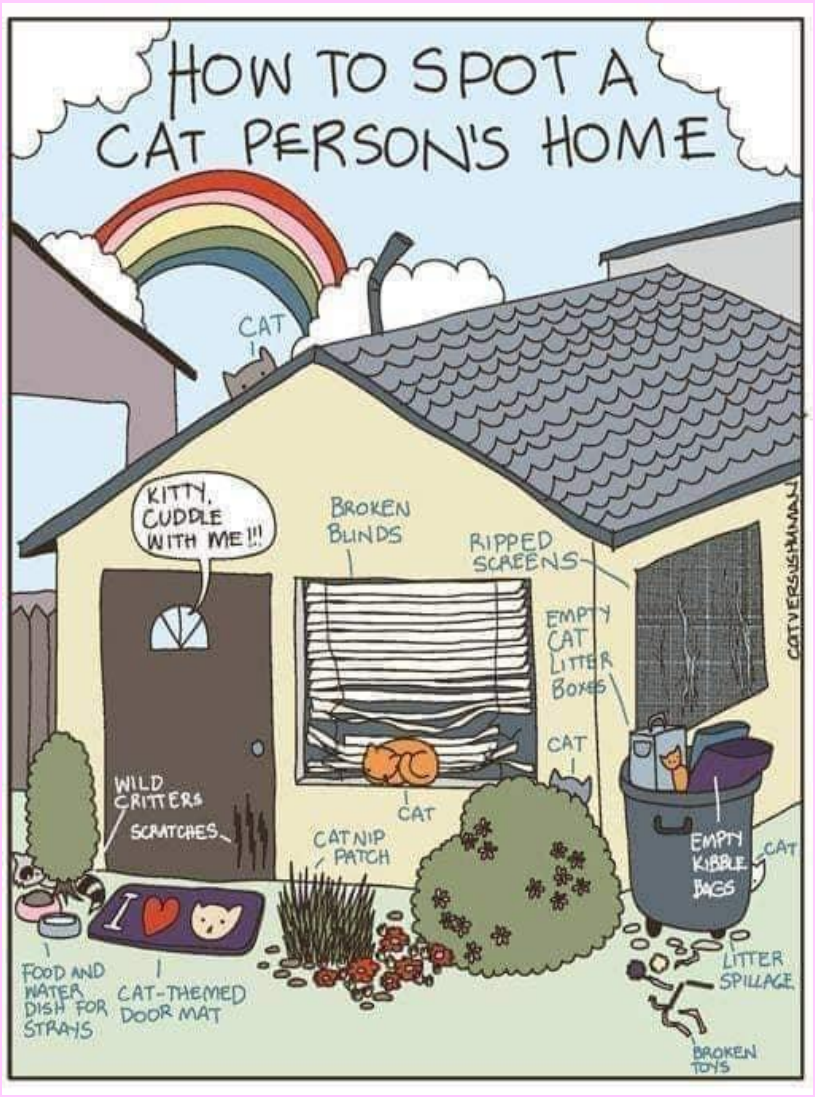

Picasso's Cats

Pablo Picasso (1881–1973) was a famous Spanish painter and sculptor. Throughout his lifetime, the artist had cats as companions and sometimes painted or sculpted them with the human loves of his life. Picasso's 1941 painting, *Dora Maar au Cat,* is one of the world's most expensive paintings. The painting is listed as one of the most expensive paintings, after achieving a price of $95 million at Sotheby's on 3 May 2006. It is currently the sixth highest-selling painting by Picasso.

SPY CATS

In Holland's embassy in Moscow, Russia, the staff noticed that the two Siamese cats kept meowing and clawing at the walls of the building. Their owners finally investigated, thinking they would find mice. Instead, they discovered microphones hidden by Russian spies. The cats heard the microphones when they turned on. Instead of alerting the Russians that they found said microphones, they simply staged conversations about delays in work orders and suddenly problems were fixed much quicker!

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Some Famous Animals

*__Barry__: One of the most successful and world renowned search and rescue dogs was a St. Bernard named Barry. Born in 1800, he saved around 40 people in his 12 years and became a Swiss National Hero!

*__Ham__: A chimpanzee named Ham was the first great ape in space, participating in a NASA launch on January 31, 1961.

*__Dolly the Sheep__: The first mammal cloned from an adult cell, Dolly became a world sensation in 1996.

*__Cher Ami__: A carrier pigeon, Cher Ami delivered critical messages under dangerous conditions during the first World War.

*__Balto__: A Siberian husky, Balto delivered a serum to Nome, Alaska during a diphtheria epidemic in 1925.

*__Elsa the Lioness__:
Raised by humans after her mother's death in 1956, Elsa inspired thousands to become involved in wildlife conservation.

*__Bretagne__: One of the 300 search dogs who helped during the September 11th rescue mission and hurricanes Katrina and Ivan.

Olde Folklore

Fisherman's wives kept black cats in their homes while their husbands went away to sea. They believed that the black cats would prevent danger from occurring to their husbands. These black cats were considered so valuable that they were often stolen.

Did you know . . . !

There are many crazy horse laws, including one in Bluff, Utah, where an unmarried woman could be jailed for riding a horse on Sundays. And in several cities throughout the United States, newly married men were not allowed to ride alone, unless he had been married longer than 12 months.

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Happy Pet Mother's Day!

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PLANTS	Lilies, Azaleas, Tulip bulbs, and other seasonal plants can be toxic

Mother's Day Bouquets: What's Safe for Pets?

We're grateful for the love and care of mothers every single day. And during these challenging times, we may not be able to reach out and embrace our moms, but there are various ways to say thank you for all that they do. One of the most popular gifts to send on Mother's Day is a beautiful bouquet of flowers!

If your mother is also pet parent, you should be mindful when choosing your Mother's Day arrangement. Not all flowers are safe for our pets, but do not fear, the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center (APCC) has put together a handy list of pet-safe flowers you can use to make sure you're keeping your furry friends safe, healthy and out of harm's way. Talk to your florist and ask if they can accommodate your "Pet-safety" requests!

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SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

Arroyo Burro Beach Park

Located at 2981 Cliff Drive, this county park is the portal for the best known off-leash spot in the Santa Barbara area. Dogs are required to be on leash through the parking lot and bathing beach until, passing Arroyo Burro Slough, dogs are welcome to run free and cavort in the Pacific Ocean surf below the city's Douglas Family Preserve. Self service dog wash stations provided by County Parks.

Hours: Daily from 8:00am - Dusk

TUCKERS GROVE PARK

Newly fenced off-leash area at Kiwanis Meadow is now open. The new play area is at the eastern end of the park, and is near ample parking and a public restroom. This area also provides easy access to the San Antonio Creek Trail, a mostly shaded 1.5-mile route that heads northeasterly to a trailhead at CA Route 154. Tucker's Grove County Park is located at intersection of Turnpike and Cathedral Oaks Roads.

Hours: Daily from 8:00am - Dusk

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Located at the entry to this 74-acre wooded park, the off-leash canine play area consists of a fenced lawn area shaded by oak trees. Parking and restroom immediately adjacent. Address: 576 Toro Canyon Park Road.

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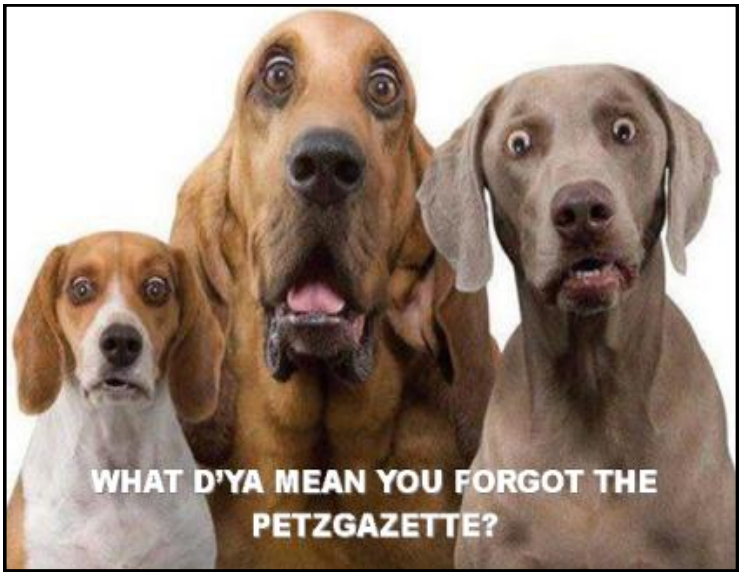

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Fun Facts for the month of May

(who would have thought May was such a busy month)!

- **May** is the month of Mother's Day, Memorial Day, and all sorts of other fun designated days of celebrations and events.
- **May** is the fifth month of the year in the Julian and Gregorian calendars.
- The name **May** is the modern-day English adaption of the Latin word *Maius*, which has origins going back to the time of the ancient Greeks. They named the month of May (or Maius) after the Greek goddess of growth.
- A Roman poet by the name of Ovid had different ideas surrounding the etymology of the naming of **May**. He claimed that it was from the word Maiores, the Latin for "elders," and this is how the month gained its name.
- The word **May** wasn't actually used until the middle ages were on their way out, around the 15th Century AD. Up until then, the Roman word Maius was still used.
- **May** used to have a very different name in Old English. Back then, the month was referred to as the "month of three milkings." Unsurprisingly, this meant that during this month, you could milk your cows up to three times per day! (*which might have been tough on both the poor cows and farmers!).*
- **May** was once considered an incredibly ill-omened time to get married. There's an adage for it actually, which goes: "*Marry in May - Rue the Day*." It's not clear where exactly the saying comes from, but there must have been a pretty good reason not to get married in one of the most beautiful months of the year!
- **May** isn't just a bad time to get married, though. There's the Cornish superstition that buying a new broom in May is unlucky. Oh, and apparently, you shouldn't wash any blankets either!
- **May** is the month that the Eurovision song contest is held every year. For those not in the know, Eurovision is an international song contest that has been held every year since 1956. Some of the contest winners over the years have gone on to be incredibly successful groups, with the most notable being ABBA!
- The Empire State Building opened its doors on **May 1, 1931**. At the point of its construction, it held the record for being the tallest building in the world. Many other sky-high constructions have since dwarfed it, but it's still an awe-inspiring feature of the New York cityscape!
- Back in the day in Europe, it wasn't a good **May** if you didn't celebrate it with a maypole. In the UK, at least, they were present since at least 1350 AD. Celebrants would erect a long pole and attach flowers, garlands, and strips of fabric to it, around which certain dances would take place.
- **May** is a pretty good month for US presidents. Every other month of the year, at least one US president has died, but never in May! (to date that is!)
- Memorial Day is a federal holiday in the United States to honor and mourn the U.S. military personnel who have died in the course of carrying out their duties. The holiday is observed on the last **Monday of May**. The holiday was observed on May 30 from 1868 to 1970.
- **Cinco de Mayo** commemorates the Mexican victory over the French during the Battle of Puebla on **May 5**, 1862. Over time, it has evolved into a day of celebrating Mexican culture.
- The birthstone for **May** is the emerald. Emeralds are a type of stone called beryl and typically range from a deep-sea green to a lighter color. Emeralds are symbols of fertility and rebirth.
- **May** actually has two birth flowers – the Lily-of-the-Valley and the Hawthorn. The Hawthorn flower is a symbol of hope, while the Lily-of-the-Valley represents the return of happiness and sweetness. Caution to all pet lovers: Lily of the Valley is poisonous to dogs & cats.
- **May** also has two Zodiac signs, Taurus and Gemini. People born under the sign of Taurus are said to be ambitious and smart, yet trustworthy. Those born under the sign of Gemini are said to be passionate, adaptable, and smart.
- **May** has some pretty interesting month-long observances.
- **May is National Pet Month** in the U.S. and it is the perfect time to take a pause in our hectic lives to celebrate the animals in our lives. Whether you live with a dog, cat, turtle or snake or even a whole menagerie, this is the perfect time to show your pet how much you love them.
- **May** also has some pretty wacky days! Hawaii celebrates Lei Day on the first of May, which also happens to be May Day. Utah celebrates Golden Spike Day on May 10th after the First Transcontinental Railroad was completed. May 29th is celebrated as Put a Pillow on Your Fridge Day! (weird)!
- Many famous people were born in **May**, such as Mark Zuckerberg, Karl Marx, Clint Eastwood, Wes Anderson, John F. Kennedy, Queen Victoria, and Catherine the Great!

Happy May Everyone!

PAW-SCOPES

DOGS

Your dog has a love of water and swimming could be a favorite past time. He likes to run and play and will become really depressed if not given enough exercise. Expect this dog to continue to be youthful even when he gets to be an old hound.

CATS

Your cat is a big communicator. When not yowling or meowing, it will be purring for you to pay attention, such as rubbing around your legs and saying what is going on now. Then it will just turn its back on you and walk away. Look for lots of diversity for this finicky feline creature or bordom will set in.

JOKES

Poker Tail

A man walked by a table in a hotel and noticed three men and a dog playing cards. The dog was playing with extraordinary performance. "This is a very smart dog.", the man commented.
"Not so smart," said one of the players.
"Every time he gets a good hand he wags his tail."

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QUIZ

1. What is the name of Katy Perry's Maine Coon Cat?
2. Which dog breed's name means "sand skin" in Chinese?
3. What is the average lifespan of a pet canary?
4. What are the only mammals that cannot taste sweetness?
5. What is it called when animals talk in a book?
6. Who owned a spaniel named Thisbe?

ANSWERS

1. Kitty Purry. 2. Shar Pei. 3. 10-15 years.
4. Cats. 5. Anthropomorphism. 6. Marie Antoinette.

ELECTED MAYOR OF KENTUCKY TOWN IS A DOG

In 2017, a 3 year old Pit Bull won the title of Mayor of Rabbit Hash, Kentucky, an unincorporated community in Boone County, with a simple slogan: "Peace, love and understanding."

This cute Pit Bull named Brynneth Pawltrow took over office from former Mayor Lucy Lou, a Border Collie, who happened to be the town's first female in that position during her full eight-year term.

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FUN FACTS

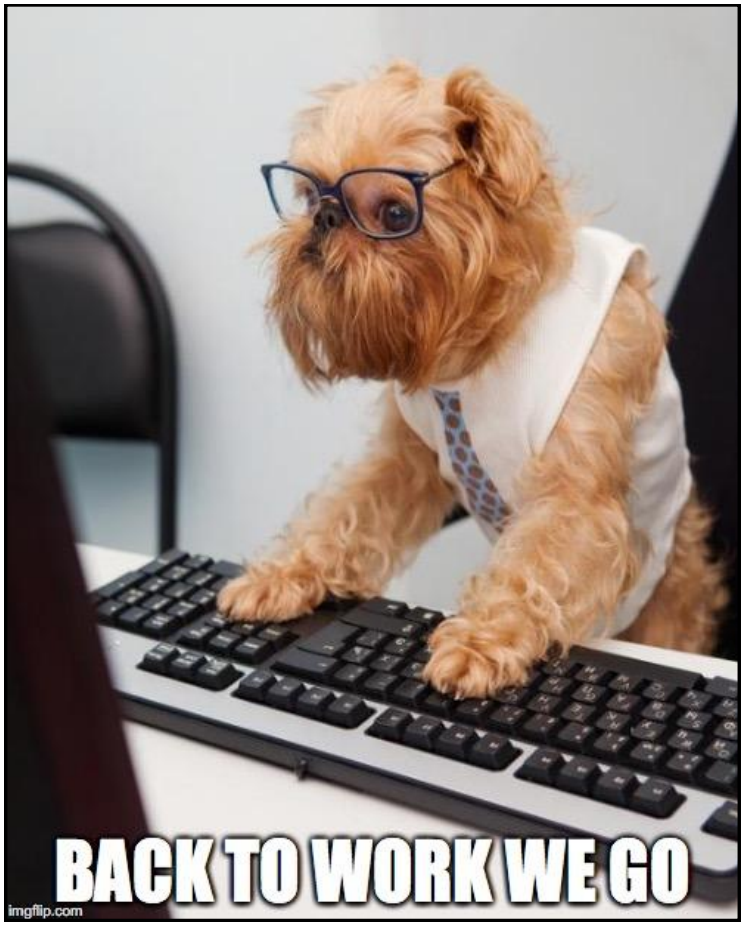
Cats have over one hundred vocal sounds, while dogs only have about ten. A pack of kittens is called a kindle, while a pack of adult cats is called a clowder. An adult cat can run about 12 miles per hour, and can sprint at nearly thirty miles per hour.

Did you know that your yawning is contagious, even for dogs. Research shows that the sound of a human yawn can trigger one from your dog. And it's four times as likely to happen when it's the yawn of a person your pet knows.

*Contrary to popular belief, dogs aren't color blind; they can see shades of blue, yellow, green and gray. The color red registers on a grayscale in a dog's vision.

While lizards are not warm and fuzzy they do make good pets. But be careful not to sneak up on them or frighten them or they will detach their tails.

SPRING MEMES



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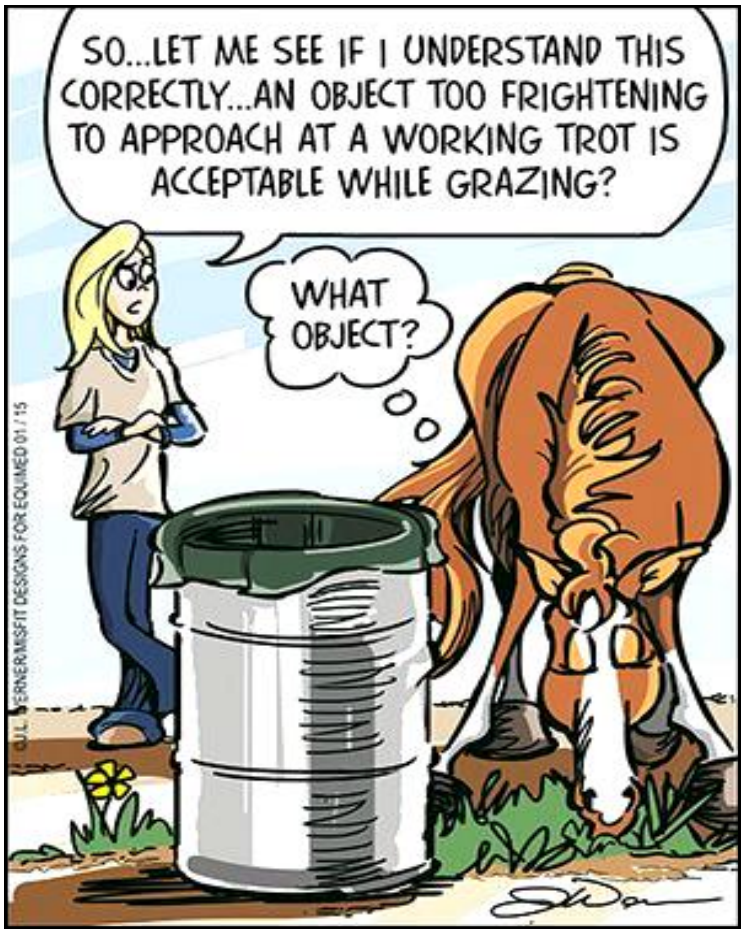

Silly Horse Jokes

Why was the horse told to rein in her gossipping?
Her friends didn't want her to stirrup trouble!

What did the doctor say when the horse said his throat was sore?
"You'll be OK. You're just a little horse."

Why did the man stand behind the horse?
He was hoping to get a kick out of it.

What does it mean when you find a horseshoe on the ground?
Some poor horse is walking around in socks.

What sort of horses come out after dark?
Night-mares.

Why did the horse leave the door open?
Because he did grow up in a barn!

What do you give a sick horse?
A cough stirrup.

Horse Trivia

*A horse named "Traveler" was in the movie "Braveheart" and ridden by Mel Gibson. Traveler was from the MacDonald Ranch of Scottsdale, Arizona. Realistic looking mechanical horses were used for the most violent scenes.

*The earliest forms of horseshoes can be found as early as 400 BC. Materials used ranged from plants, rawhide and leather strap gears referred to as "hipposandals" by the Romans. In Ancient Asia, horsemen equipped their horses with shoes made out of woven plants.

*Many people think that mustangs are wild horses, but they are descendants of Spanish horses that are called Iberian horses. As descendants from domesticated horses, technically mustangs are feral horses and not wild horses.

*The oldest horse on record is "Old Billy," an English barge horse. He was 62 years old when he died, living from 1760 to 1822.

*Thumbelina (born May 1, 2001, died in 2018) was a dwarf miniature horse and the world's smallest horse. She stood 43 centimetres (17 in) tall and weighed 26 kilograms (57 lb), and received the title of world's smallest horse from Guinness World Records. Thumbelina was born in St. Louis, Missouri. While small in stature, she had a large impact in helping children in need around the world. Her nationwide tours raised money to help worthy charities.

Did you know . . .

A horse's teeth are a good indicator of its age. Hence, St. Jerome (A.D. 400), who never accepted payment for his writings, penned the famous adage "Never inspect the teeth of a gift horse," which became the more familiar expression "Never look a gift horse in the mouth".

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Chinchillas have a history older than that of man. Millions of years ago, when the Andes Mountains of South America were covered with lush, tropical foliage, the timid chinchilla was playing hide and seek with prehistoric creatures that roamed the earth.

Over the centuries, the climate of the mountain region changed. The tropical foliage disappeared and gave way to bleak ice and rock. The chinchilla, in a miracle of survival, adapted to its new environment.

About 900 A.D., these hardy chinchillas were discovered by a tribe of Indians called Chinchas. These Indians found the inviting warmth and durability of the fur to be the answer to the rigors of their cold mountain climate.

In the nineteenth century, chinchilla fur became the most popular fur of the European royalty. The demand for pelts was so great that the animals were hunted with a zeal no less fierce than that with which men fought for gold in the roaring 80's. In 1899 alone, some 440,000 pelts were exported from Chile. The animals were further decimated by foxes, which had been imported from South America for hunting purposes.

By 1914 the problem had become so serious that the Chilean government, in an attempt to prevent the animals from becoming extinct, imposed a ban on trapping and exporting chinchillas. Some six years later, however, an American mining engineer named Mathias Chapman received special authorization from the Chilean government to trap a limited number of the animals. Leading an expedition into the Andes Mountains, he succeeded in trapping 11 chinchillas, and these were taken alive to California. From this small beginning - one that probably saved the animals from total extinction is how the modern chinchilla industry had its beginning.

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