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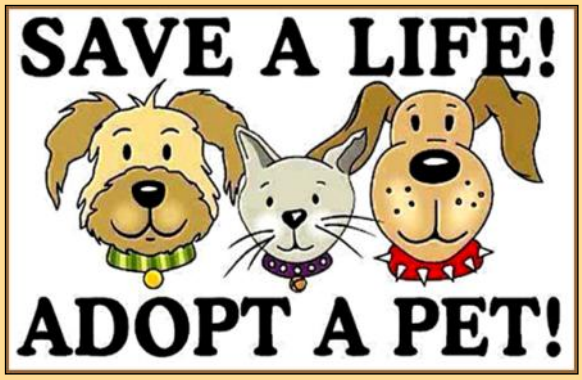

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EDWARD LEAR *Artist and Author (1812-1888)*

Edward was devoted to Foss, his tabby cat. His devotion was so great that when he decided to move to San Remo, Italy, he instructed his architect to design a replica of his old home in England so Foss would not be disturbed and suffer a minimum of distress after the move. Lear's drawings of his stripped tabby cat are well-known, especially those which accompany his rhyme, "The Owl and the Pussycat."

For more info: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Edward_Lear

FUN TRIVIA

*Bees must collect the nectar from two thousand flowers to make one tablespoonful of honey. I guess we should eat it with great respect!

*The average city dog lives 3 years longer than a country dog.

*A cat described as calico in the USA, is described as tortoiseshell in the UK.

*Pure white cats are rare and white cats with blue eyes are almost always deaf.

*Fleas have changed history. More human deaths have been attributed to fleas than all the wars ever fought. As carriers of the bubonic plague, fleas were responsible for killing one-third of the population of Europe in the 14th century.

*The longest journey made by a cat is thought to be that of Tom who traveled across America from Florida to California to find his owners when they moved home. It took him just over 2 years to cover the distance of 4000 km.

*The placement of a donkey's eyes in its' head enables it to see all four feet at all times.

*A Holstein's spots are like fingerprints -- no two cows have the same pattern of spots.

*Police dogs are trained to react to commands in a foreign language; commonly German but more recently Hungarian or some other Slavic tongue.

*The Peregrine Falcon is the fastest bird and fastest animal on earth. It has diving speeds of over 320 km/h (200 mph) and it reaches top speeds exceeding 380 km/h (240 mph) during its stoop (hunting dive).

FUNNY JOKES

TURKEY DAY

The pro football team had just finished their daily practice when a large turkey came strutting onto the field. While the players gazed in amazement, the turkey walked up to the head coach and demanded a tryout. Everyone stared in silence as the turkey caught pass after pass and ran right through the defensive line!

When the turkey returned to the sidelines, the coach shouted, "You're terrific!! You made the team and I'll see to it that you get a huge bonus". "Forget the bonus" the turkey shouted, "I want to know if I'll be playing Thanksgiving Day?"

QUIZ

1. In Canada, they celebrate Thanksgiving in what month?
2. Where are a dog's hocks, on its front or back legs?
3. What is the world's smallest dog breed?
4. Who sang: "How much is that Doggie in the Window"?
5. Capable of running 70 mph, what is the fastest land animal?
6. What country has a bill of rights for cows?

Answers

1. October. 2. Back Legs. 3. Chihuahua.
4. Patti Page. 5. Cheetah. 6. India.

PAW-SCOPES

Dogs:

Bouncy seems to be the word this month. You will generally have a lot of energy, but much more than usual. Did your human change your food or vitamins? It may just be that intense mood thing. Either way, be ready to run the course around the house or garden!

Cats:

There are changes coming, so don't be surprised if your human rearranges the furniture or moves your litter box! Could be the holidays again! If you're feeling bored and lonely, lavish a little extra TLC on your human. That usually does the trick.

Did you know . . . !

*Cranberries were once used for more than just sauce. Native Americans used them to treat wounds, dye clothes, decorate pottery and dye arrows (presumably the feathers).

*In 2001, the U.S. Postal Service issued a Thanksgiving stamp to honor of the tradition "of being thankful" for the abundance of goods we enjoy in America.

Thanksgiving Day Proclamations

#1: October 3, 1789.

George Washington issued the first national presidential Thanksgiving proclamation to celebrate the adoption of the U.S. Constitution, though it did not become a permanent annual holiday.

#2: October 3, 1863.

President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed Thanksgiving as a regular national event after being urged by writer Sarah Josepha Hale, setting it for the final Thursday of November.

#3: November 26, 1941.

Franklin D. Roosevelt later signed a bill in 1941 to officially set Thanksgiving on the fourth Thursday of November.

Did you know . . . !

The largest gathering of people dressed as turkeys was 661 and was accomplished at the 44th Annual Capital One Bank Dallas YMCA Turkey Trot in Dallas, Texas, USA on the 24th November 2011. Participants had to stay dressed in full turkey garb and remained "cooped up" for ten minutes before the start of the race to officially set the record.

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Did you know ….!

The first Thanksgiving in America actually occurred in 1541, when Francisco Vasquez de Coronado and his expedition held a thanksgiving celebration in Palo Duro Canyon in the Texas panhandle.

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The record for the most number of times a domestic animal has been quarantined belongs to Smarty, a ginger cat, who was quarantined for the 40th time in Larnaca, Cyprus, after her 79th flight from Cairo, Egypt on 28 June 2005. Smarty also holds the record for the 'most flights by a cat' and was owned by Peter and Carole Godfrey (UK) in Cairo, Egypt until her death in February 2007.

THANKSGIVING TRIVIA

*In 1943, Norman Rockwell created his famous "Freedom From Want" illustration by using a Thanksgiving dinner as an example of this. This illustration first appeared on The Saturday Evening Post.
*The voyage from England to the New World took 66 Days.
*Of the original 102 pilgrims that came to the New World, approximately 50 survived to celebrate the first Thanksgiving.
*The first Thanksgiving in 1621 was believed to have lasted 3 days
*Macy's first Thanksgiving parade took place in 1924.
*The longest balloon in the history of the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade is the Old Man Dragon, which measured 178 feet long and appeared in the 1929 parade.

Key Milestones in Turkey Pardons

Abraham Lincoln (1863): Spared a turkey named Jack after his son Tad became attached to the bird.
Harry S. Truman (1947): Began the official tradition of the National Turkey Federation presenting a live bird to the White House, though Truman ate his birds rather than pardoning them.
John F. Kennedy (1963): Spared a turkey informally by saying "let's keep him going" and sending it back to the farm.
George H.W. Bush (1989): Established the modern, official annual turkey pardoning ceremony. You can read more about its history through the White House Historical Association.

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Celebrate a Pawsative Thanksgiving!

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Did You Know?

- Pumpkin can support digestive health for dogs and cats.
- Sweet potatoes are rich in vitamins and fiber.
- Cranberries can support urinary tract health (in pet-friendly amounts).
- Always keep seasonings, onion, garlic, grapes, raisins, chocolate and xylitol away from pets.

Pumpkin Peanut Butter Boo Bites

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- 1 cup pumpkin puree (plain, no spices)
- 1/2 cup natural peanut butter (xylitol-free)
- 2 1/2 cups gluten-free oat flour (or blended oats)
- 1 tsp cinnamon (optional)

Instructions:

1. Mix all ingredients in a bowl.
2. Roll out and use cookie cutters (bones, paws, pumpkins).
3. Bake at 325°F for 20–25 minutes.
4. Let cool and store in an airtight container.

Makes about 24 Boo Bites!

Turkey Safety for Pets

- No bones (can splinter)
- No skin (too fatty)
- No seasonings, onion or garlic
- Plain, cooked turkey in small amounts is OK for most pets.
- Check with your veterinarian about your pet's specific needs.

Happy Thanksgiving

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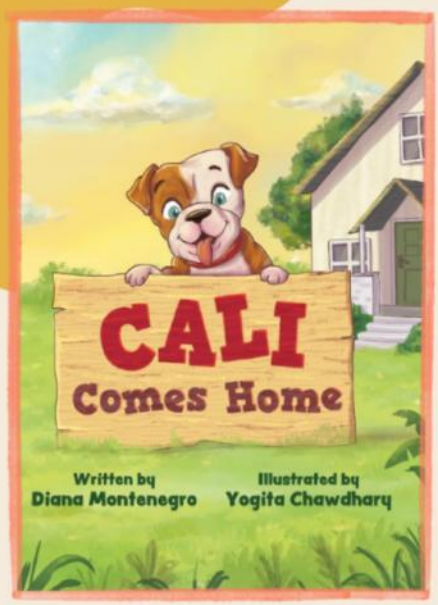

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She **donates a portion of the proceeds** from her books to animal rescue organizations– the same kind of organizations that gave Cali and her mother a chance at life. Through her writing, she hopes not only to inspire children to read but also to teach them the importance of adoption, empathy, and giving back. Her goal is to spark joy, build literacy, and help others discover their own "soul dog" while keeping Cali's memory alive.

Now joined by her dog Chloe, who is also featured in the book, Diana visits schools, bookstores, and community events, creating meaningful, interactive experiences where children can connect stories to real-life relationships with animals. Please follow along on Instagram to see the series grow.

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*The first professional football game held on Thanksgiving Day was in 1934 between the Detroit Lions and the Chicago Bears, won by Chicago.

*Pulling the wishbone from the turkey is a popular moment for Thanksgiving. The wishbone is called the furcular and the person getting the bigger piece is said to get their secret wish granted. It must be completely dry before you pull it apart. The tradition goes back to the Roman harvest festivals.

*George Washington issued a proclamation on Oct 3rd, 1789, creating the first Thanksgiving Day designated by the national government of the United States of America, to be celebrated on Thursday, November 26, 1789. John Adams and James Madison similarly declared Thanksgiving a holiday.

*Ben Franklin wanted the turkey to be the National Bird, not the eagle.

*The most popular American holiday is Thanksgiving.

*Other nations also observe Thanksgiving, including Brazil, Canada, Germany, and Japan.

*It's interesting to note that in Canada, the holiday falls on the second Monday in October.

*The "Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade," the biggest Thanksgiving parade in the world, takes place in New York City. Several tourists are drawn to this parade, which features dancers, marching bands, and enormous cartoon balloons.

*Turkey is a part of the traditional feast and serves as the focal point of the celebrations in the US.

*The day after Thanksgiving is Black Friday, a massive American shopping event with steep discounts on a wide range of goods.

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Jake's Brew

Every police officer has their morning routine, but few are as memorable as Jake's.

Jake, a Cleveland Bay with Merseyside Police's Mounted Section in Liverpool, became an internet sensation after his handlers revealed he had developed a love of tea. What began with him sneaking sips from officers' mugs soon turned into a daily tradition, complete with his own red mug labelled "Jake's Brew."

His drink wasn't an ordinary cup of tea. It was made using decaffeinated tea, skimmed milk, two teaspoons of sugar, and a splash of cold water to make it safe and comfortable to drink. According to his handlers, Jake would happily enjoy his morning brew before heading off for another day on duty.

Behind the charming ritual was a dedicated police horse with around 15 years of service, helping at police soccer matches, major public events, the Aintree Festival, the 2011 riots, and even duties connected with the 2012 London Olympics.

Sometimes it's the smallest stories that remind us just how special these incredible animals can be.

Strangest Dog Records

*Striker, a Border Collie, is the current Guinness World Record holder for the “Fastest Car non-electric window opened by a Dog” at 11.34 seconds.

*The largest overall dog walk in Guinness World Records history is 22,742 dogs, set at the Great North Dog Walk in South Shields, Tyne & Wear, United Kingdom, on 12 June 2011, organized by Anthony Carlisle.

*A world record for the most dogs surfing on a single surfboard (17 dogs) was set during the 2012 Loews Coronado Bay Resort Surf Dog Competition in Imperial Beach, California, rather than at the Surf City Surf Dog event in Huntington Beach.

*The Guinness World Record for the largest cake for dogs was set on November 11, 2025, in Lochristi, Belgium, weighing a massive 453 kilograms (998 pounds, 11 ounces).

*The world record for bouncing a baseball off the side of a building while petting a dog in 30 seconds is 82 bounces, set by Suresh Gaur in Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh, India, on March 23, 2017.

*The world record for the most consecutive jump rope jumps by a dog with 63 complete rotations was set by Olive Oyl, a Borzoi. She achieved this unique feat in 1988.

*Longest tail on a domestic cat is a Silver Maine Coon cat named Cygnus who has the longest tail ever at 44.66 cm (17.58 in).

Thanksgiving

Pet Safety Tips

*Kitchen Safety

Curious and hungry pets can be dangerous in the kitchen. They can get into the garbage or jump on counter tops eating things they shouldn't or knocking over hot or sharp things. Its best to keep pets out of the kitchen

*Dangerous and toxic foods

-Turkey Skin, fat, bone,gravy and Brine
- Herbs and spices such as Nutmeg
- Corn Cobs
-Raisins, currents, grapes
-Nuts
-Garlic, onions, mushrooms
-Bread dough, rolls
-Aluminium Foil, Plastic wraps
-Desserts: Chocolate, desserts containing xylitol
-Alcohol, Coffee, Tea

*Pet Stress

The Holiday hustle can be confusing for your pet. And having strange house guest can be stressful. If your pet is upset, seclude them to a quiet room where they can relax and feel secure away from the chaos.

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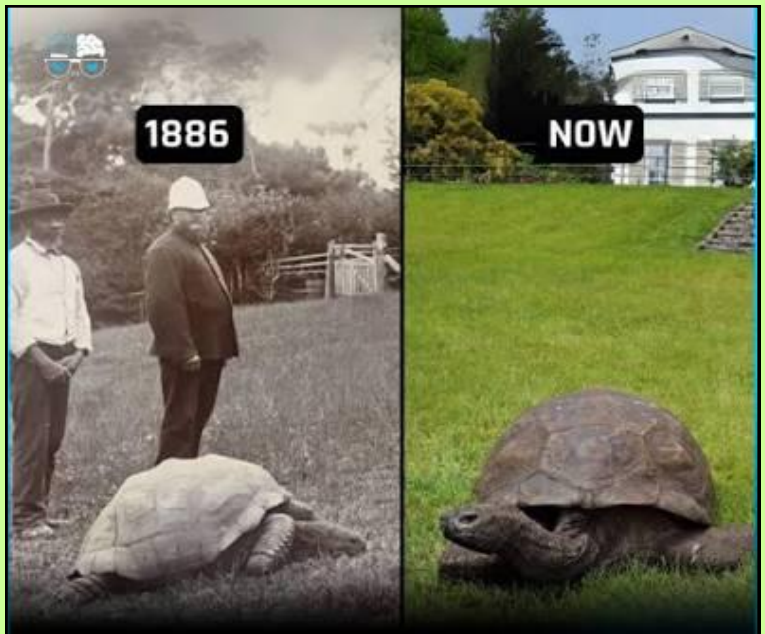

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The animal that sleeps the most is the koala which rests up to twenty hours per day. Its low energy diet of eucalyptus leaves requires minimal activity allowing the marsupial to conserve energy in the treetops of Australian forests where it spends its entire life.

Since roosters crow at an average of 130 decibels—as loud as a chainsaw or a jet engine at takeoff—their external auditory canals close off completely when they fully open their beak. This natural earplug prevents them from damaging their own hearing.

Hedgehogs spend much of their life asleep, hibernating through the winter months of November and mid-March in a nest made from fallen leaves in a sheltered spot. They emerge in spring but will typically spend the day sleeping, becoming active after the sun has gone down.

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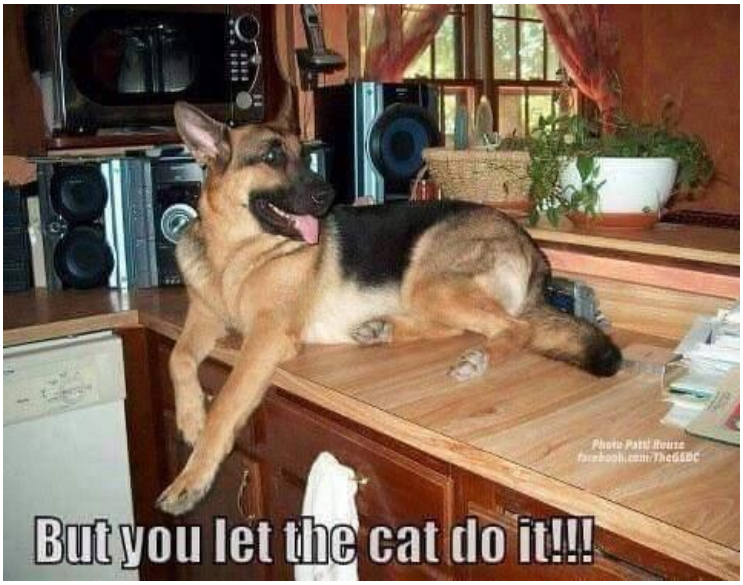
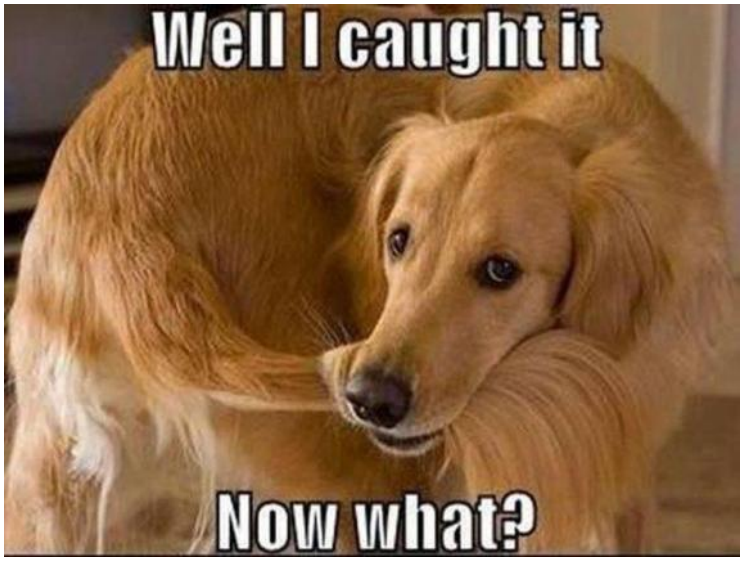
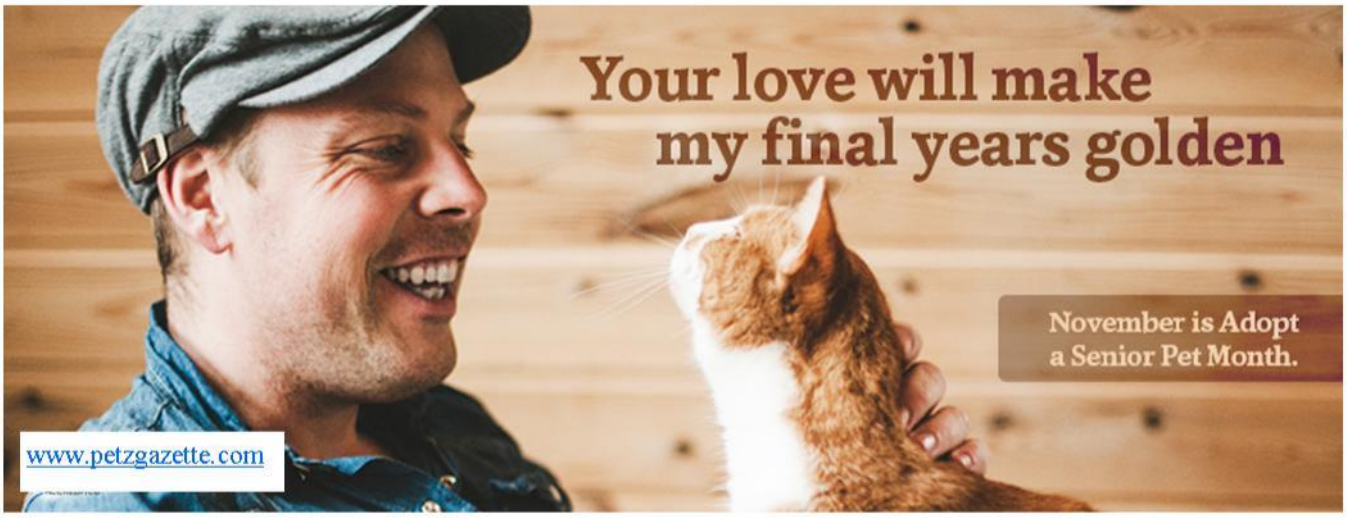




November is Adopt a Senior Pet Month

November is National Adopt A Senior Pet Month — a month dedicated to helping older pets find loving forever homes. Shelters and rescues across the country hope those looking to adopt a new furry friend will consider adding a senior pet to the family this month. Please check out our list of local pet rescues in each of our area editions.



When it comes to ages of adoptees, the pet world has a sad parallel with the human world: Overwhelmingly, people want puppies and kittens.

The older the orphaned pet that goes into the foster-care system, the harder it becomes to get them adopted into a permanent home. Likewise, in the world of homeless felines and canines, most adopters gravitate toward the bouncy little kittens and puppies. The more those grow and the less cute they look, the more difficult it will be to get adopted.

Imagine, then, the odds facing senior cats and dogs — those age 7 and older, and especially those pets with ages in the double digits. How can these older pets compete with cute little kittens and puppies or even younger adults?

Thankfully, November highlights the plight of senior cats and dogs with its designation as **Adopt a Senior Pet Month**. If you have room in your heart and your home, please consider giving a home to an older cat or dog, so they can live out their years surrounded by love. People with kind, soft hearts for animals may feel inclined to adopt a senior pet because they know seniors need homes the most; the older they are, the less pets appeal to adopters.

Aside from humane motives, however, senior cats and dogs offer many benefits. Many pet owners have had many cats and/or dogs, and their golden years often gave the best memories. Older pets are so sweet, affectionate and laid-back and usually come fairly well trained. They are happy to lounge on the couch with us while we watch TV. Unlike a rambunctious kitten or puppy, seniors tend to stay out of mischief and just like to be mellow. And senior pets, having probably spent most of their lives with their owners, give so much loyalty and love and gratitude.

When a person adopts a senior pet, and begins a relationship with a new cat or dog in its aging years, the pet will be immensely grateful for the second chance at life and a happy ending. The new, older pet will make this act of caring so worth it, and it may have many years left with his or her new owner.

SO PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE - ADOPT A SENIOR PET - THANK YOU!

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Thanksgiving Folklore, Superstitions & Beliefs

The Lucky Wishbone Break: Two people pull apart the turkey's *furcula* (wishbone), a tradition carried over from ancient Etruscans and English "merry-thoughts". Whoever gets the bigger piece is said to have their secret wish granted.

Dropping Silverware: Dropping a fork during the meal supposedly means a man will visit your house, while dropping a spoon means a woman will drop by.

Seating Superstitions: Having an odd number of people at the Thanksgiving table is sometimes viewed as bad luck or an omen that someone will pass away before the next year.

Common Thanksgiving Myths vs. Reality

- **Turkey as the 1621 Centerpiece:** There is no direct evidence that roasted turkey was the main dish at the first feast. The Wampanoag and Pilgrims more likely ate venison, wild fowl like geese or ducks, and local seafood.

- **Friendly Unnamed Welcomers:** The romanticized narrative of a peaceful, purely harmonious cross-cultural meal ignores complex pre-existing tribal politics, land conflicts, and alliances forged for mutual military survival.

- **Centuries-Old Turkey Tradition:** The modern image of the American Thanksgiving turkey was heavily popularized in the 1800s by magazine editors like Sarah Josepha Hale and codified by President Abraham Lincoln during the Civil War.

Quirky & Historic Traditions

- **Ragamuffin Day:** An old American custom where children dressed in rags and oversized clothes to mock beggars, parading through streets for candy or pennies before it faded out by the 1940s.

- **Presidential Turkey Pardoning:** A formal White House tradition beginning officially under the Truman administration in 1947.

Unconventional Activities

- Ranging from Turkey Trots and frozen turkey tossing to the Santa Barbara Zoo's annual "Thanksgiving Day Smash" where animals interact with pumpkins.

The Menu Was Completely Different:

- Traditional foods like turkey, pumpkin pie, cranberry sauce, and wheat bread were absent. They ate venison, waterfowl, fish, and local corn.

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