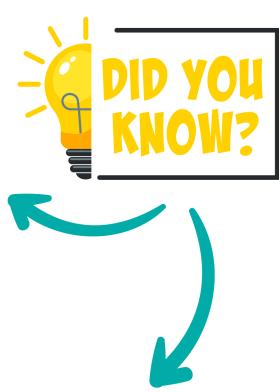
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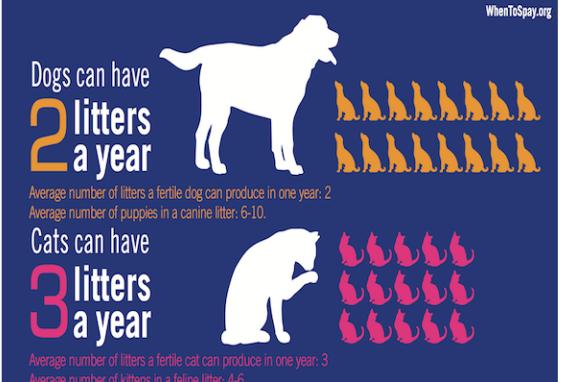


February is spay and neuter awareness month!





By spaying or neutering your pet, you help give shelter pets an increased chance at finding a home and help decrease the number of pets entering shelters each year.





On the Right Path



Help Lia get her dog to the vet to be neutered. The path they need to follow is made up of true statements about pets and spay/neuter operations. Show them the correct path to take by shading in only the boxes with true statements. (You cannot go diagonally.) If you get stumped, check the hint at the bottom of the page. But give it a try first!

START	Spaying and neuter- ing help dogs and cats live longer and healthier lives.	The operations keeps pets from getting certain kinds of cancer.	Neutering cats makes them less likely to spray and mark their territory.
It's better for pets to have one litter before being spayed.	Animal shelters are able to find homes for all the pets they receive.	It's too expensive to have pets spayed or neutered.	Having pets spayed or neutered will help solve the pet overpop- ulation problem.
Neutering pets makes them less like- ly to get into fights.	Neutering will not change a pet's basic personality.	Pets who have not had the operations often have more behavior problems.	Spaying and neuter- ing operations make pets better compan- ions.
Communities spend millions of dollars to control populations of unwanted animal companions.	Pets will get fat and lazy after they've had the operation.	It's okay for my pet to have a litter if I find homes for all the babies.	Pets who have been spayed or neutered are often more likely to bite.
Neutering makes pets less likely to roam or run away.	Pets can have the operations as young as eight weeks of age.	Veterinarians can tell you the best age for your pets to have the operation.	END

of words.

Hint: The true statements have an even number of words. False statements have an odd number

On the back, rewrite all the false statements to make them true. You can find information to help you at www.hsus.org.







Pets need many things in order to stay happy and healthy—just as people do! To find out about the needs of pets, cut along the dotted lines. Move the pieces around and fit them together to make a picture. Then glue your picture to another sheet of paper. Show your puzzle to a friend.



FEBRUARY 20TH

National Love Your Pet Day!



February 20th is National Love Your Pet Day.

This is a day when you can show your special pal some extra love.

Here are some low-cost ideas:

- Baking homemade pet treats (with adult supervision)
- Teaching them to play a new game
- Giving them your time and attention (longer walk, extra belly rubs, snuggle time)

Peanut butter dog treats you can make at home

Ingredients:

2 cups flour, 1/2 cup peanut butter, 2 eggs, 1/4 cup water

Instructions:

Have an adult preheat your oven to 350 F.

Mix together your flour, peanut butter & eggs in a large bowl.

Add in a little bit of water until the mixture becomes wet enough to roll out as dough.

Roll out your dough & cut into shapes with a cookie cutter.

Place your treats onto your baking sheet and bake for about 15 minutes at 350 F.

Allow them to cool completely before touching them or feeding to your dog!

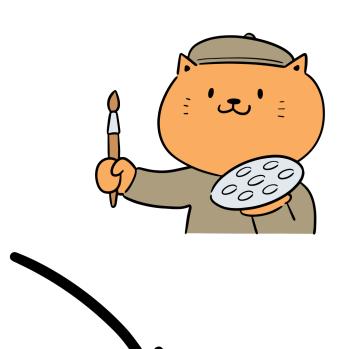




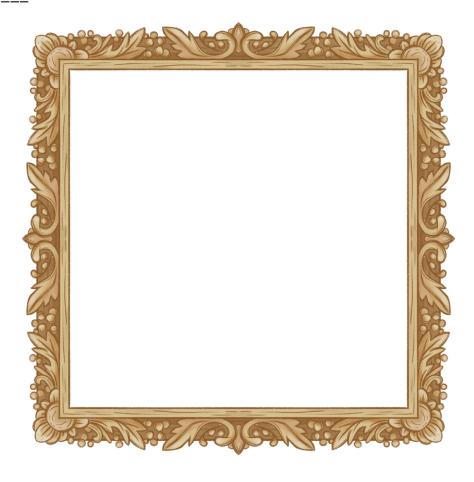
Draw your favorite pet!

Make a drawing of your favorite pet in this picture frame!

My favorite pet is named:	
He / She is my favorite because	
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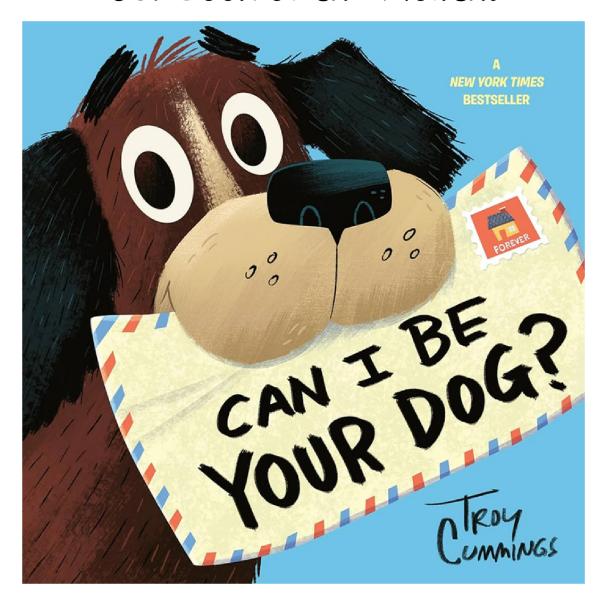






Dogs aren't really color-blind. They do see colors, just not as well as humans. All kittens are born with blue eyes. As they grow up their eyes change to their adult color.

Our Book of the Month!



Arfy is a homeless mutt who lives in a box in an alley. Arfy writes to every person on Butternut Street about what a great pet he'd make. His letters to prospective owners share that he's house broken! He has his own squeaky bone! He can learn to live with cats! But, no one wants him. Won't anyone open their heart-and home-to a lonesome dog? Readers will be happily surprised to learn just who steps up to adopt Arfy.

Tales for Tails!

LOVE READING? COME ON BY AND READ TO OUR SHELTER PETS AS THEY AWAIT ADOPTION DAY!







Sign up at: https://calendly.com/csilva-5ti/tales-for-tails





