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A: Because he bites!

Q: Why are cats good at video games?

A: Because they have nine lives!



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FAMOUS PETS

by Kathy Wolfe

We love our pets! Nearly 70% of us have an animal in the home, and, according to a survey, 90% of pet owners think of their pets as members of the family. For some, pets go way beyond cats and dogs, as you'll see as you read these Tidbits' facts.

- American soldier Lee Duncan was on a World War I battlefield in France when he happened upon a litter of German Shepherd puppies abandoned in the trenches. Duncan brought the pups back to America and began training them. One of dogs became Rin-Tin-Tin, starring in 22 Warner Brothers films from 1922 to 1932. Rin-Tin-Tin's descendants – Jr., III, and IV – were also stars, with Rin-Tin-Tin IV starring in the celebrated TV series, "The Adventures of Rin-Tin-Tin," from 1954 to 1959. Duncan was a natural-born trainer, training more than 5,000 war dogs for the U.S. Army K-9 Corps during World War II.

- Actor George Clooney gifted his girlfriend a Vietnamese potbellied pig, which grew to 300 lbs. (136 kg). Max was frequently seen on Clooney's movie sets, was allowed to sleep in his master's bedroom, and grunted and squealed when his breakfast was late. When Clooney's romance went south, Max stayed for the next 18 years, until the pig's death at age 19.

- Actor Nicolas Cage has owned several exotic pets, including an octopus for which he paid \$150,000. His two albino king cobras, Moby and Sheba set him back \$276,000. Cage kept a supply of antidote in his home in the event that he was bitten by the cobras, considering that he would have just 15 minutes to live without it. His menagerie also included a five-foot-long Asian water monitor lizard, a shark, and a crocodile. Cage was forced to surrender them all when faced with a \$14 million IRS settlement for unpaid taxes.

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VETERANS POST
 by Freddy Groves

Stolen Valor, Stolen Benefits

How, one wonders, does something like this happen? How does a civilian collect \$146,000 in VA benefits for allegedly having been wounded and held a prisoner of war in Iraq when he's never even served in the military?

It's one thing to walk around with fake military medals pinned to your chest or to tell tall tales in a bar, but how does all the rest slip by? And for so long?

The story: A civilian has been charged with taking education, health and disability benefits after he claimed to be a Marine who was wounded in combat and held as a prisoner of war in Iraq. He claimed to have been wounded in an IED (improvised explosive device) attack and was then captured. He claimed he'd been awarded the Purple Heart, Prisoner of War medal and several others.

To apply for all those benefits and cash, he would have needed a DD214 as well as other paperwork. To keep from delaying the handing out of benefits and cash, the VA lets veterans use their own documents when they submit applications.

Sometimes people lie and turn in fake documents. Over time he turned in a pile of those fake documents, including the DD214 and certificates for his stack of alleged medals.

But that's where this criminal's story should have fallen

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apart. I can see accepting a veteran's initial documents to get him started on the benefits, but to let the fraud go on for five long years? Surely someone could have looked up the details to verify the Purple Heart and prisoner of war status? Did no one bother to check to see if he'd even been in the military?

Eventually the criminal got greedy and applied for educational benefits on top of the cash he received each month for his alleged physical injuries, receiving monthly subsistence payments and payments to the university.

If that wasn't enough, he then applied for an increase in the disability payments.

How is it no one spotted this fraud long ago?

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- 25 Oscar Night at the Museum, 5pm-8pm, To celebrate the Codington County Historical Society's 50th anniversary of its designation as a non-profit, presenting "Oscar-worthy" skits about early Codington County history, including song and dance. The program follows a delicious meal at the Elks Club. Society members and non-members are welcome.
- 26 May Day Food Drive for PACH
- 27 Earth Day/Party for the Planet, 1 pm - 4 pm, Bramble Park Zoo
- 27 46th Annual B.R.O. MC Inc Bike Show, Cloud 9 Bar, Grill, & Casino. Register between 12pm-2pm, bike show from 2pm-5pm, live music by Prey for Reign starting at 8pm (times subject to change)
- 27 Flor de Papel- Paper Flower Class presented by Northern Prairie Arts, 2-4pm, Hy-vee, Register at northernprairiearts.org
- 27 Look Your Best- Master Class presented by Northern Prairie Arts, 10am or 6pm, HyVee, Register at northernprairiearts.org
- 27 Poems in Our Pockets, 2pm, Watertown Regional Library
- 27-28 Breakthrough Basketball Camp, Prairie Lakes Wellness Center
- 28 Joy Ranch Open House, 1pm-4pm
- 30 Beyond the Plate, 5:30pm, Country Road Barn
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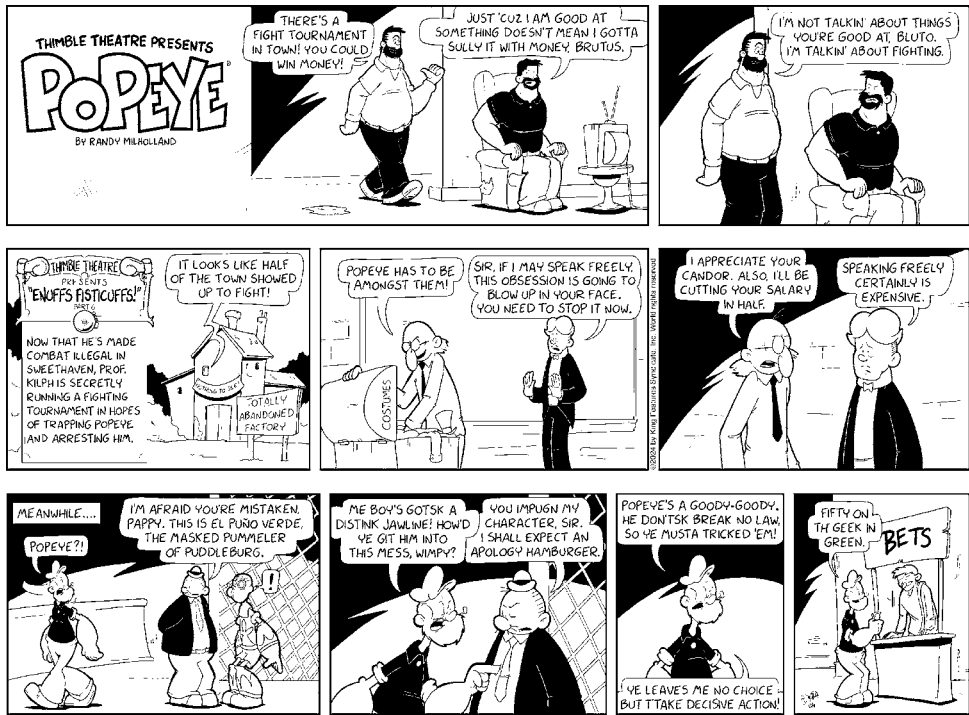
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DEADLINE FOR April 16, 2024, Volume 12, Issue #29 is Friday, April 26, 2024 - 4 PM SEARCHING FOR: (3) PERCH

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WINNER for April 9, 2024, Volume 12 Issue #28:
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SEARCHING FOR: (3) UMBRELLAS

PRIZE: \$25 Gift Certificate for *Muttly's Bar in Clear Lake, SD*, and a \$25 Gift Certificate for *Page's Place Cafe & Grill, Watertown, SD*

Locations for April 9, 2024 (v12 #28)
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#3: *Dean's Heating & Cooling, LLC, Big Stone City, SD, pg 7*

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- Beginning in June of 1979, as Skylab's re-entry approached, many American newspapers jokingly proposed "Skylab insurance," which would pay their subscribers for death or injury caused by flying orbiter fragments.
- There's a territory in Costa Rica called Territorio de Zaguates, or Land of the Strays, which is basically a huge, no-kill dog shelter where one can hike for free with the canines.
- And while we're on the subject of dogs: "Dogfooding" is the term for using a company's product to gain the trust of customers. It's said a dog food company president ate a can of the firm's food in a shareholders meeting to demonstrate that "if it's good for me, it's good for your dog." We'll take his word for it, thank you.
- In 1970, actor Bill Murray joked to a fellow airline passenger that he had two bombs in his bag. The jest backfired when U.S. marshals searched his luggage, discovered \$20,000 worth of

marijuana, and arrested him.

- The Black Diamond is a rare (and expensive) apple, with its jet-black hue, sweeter-than-honey taste, and crispness unmatched by any other apple. But don't look for it in your local grocery store; you'll only find this gem in Tibet.
- De-scented skunks make great pets, similar to ferrets. They're extremely docile and can even learn tricks and be called by name.
- Louis Chevrolet died bankrupt and poor working as a mechanic for the company he started.

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Psalm 32:1-2 answers on page 7

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- MOVIES:** Which long-running movie series features the character Legolas?
- ANATOMY:** What does the lacrimal gland produce?
- GEOGRAPHY:** Ellesmere Island belongs to which nation?
- SCIENCE:** Which of the human senses is most closely related to memory?
- LANGUAGE:** What does the Latin phrase "ad meliora" mean?
- TELEVISION:** Which TV sitcom features a mom named Rainbow Johnson?
- THEATER:** Who wrote the play "A Little Night Music"?
- MUSIC:** Which alternative rock band went by the name of The Warlocks before becoming famous?

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• The Roman Emperor Nero was the owner of a pet tigress named Phoebe, a fighting brute he rescued from a match at the Coliseum. She was housed in a luxurious golden cage in the emperor's palace, but was often allowed to roam free and dine at the table with guests. Those who offended or opposed Nero ran the risk of becoming Phoebe's dessert.

• A white Japanese Akita dog has been memorialized for his incredible loyalty to his owner. In 1924, Tokyo University professor Hidesaburo Ueno took Hachiko to live with him in Tokyo. Every day, Hachiko met Professor Ueno at the train station after the commute home from the University. The dog always turned up at the exact time of the train's arrival. In 1925, while delivering a lecture to his class, Ueno suffered a cerebral hemorrhage and died at work. For nearly ten years after his master's death, Hachiko waited at the station for his return. As commuters recognized the pattern, Hachiko was fed and given treats, and the Akita became a national symbol of loyalty. A bronze statue of this devoted canine stands at Tokyo's Shibuya Station.

• Oprah Winfrey's five spaniels will have no trouble surviving if anything happens to their owner. These canines are protected by a \$30 million trust, a small fraction of her estimated net worth of \$2.5 billion.

• Monkeys have been the pet of choice for several celebrities, but not with the best outcomes. Michael Jackson purchased his chimp Bubbles from a research clinic, and brought his pet along with him on tour, with Bubbles even enjoying tea with the mayor of Osaka, Japan. Jackson frequently dressed Bubbles in a costume identical to his own, taught him how to moonwalk, and put him to bed in a special crib on Jackson's ranch. When Bubbles became large and aggressive, he was moved to a Florida primate sanctuary. A relative gifted singer Justin Bieber with a capuchin monkey, Mally, on his birthday, and Bieber took his pet on tour to Germany. Unbeknownst to Bieber, the capuchin is an endangered animal in Germany, and authorities confiscated the animal, and charged Bieber \$8,000 to cover the costs of moving Mally to a zoo. Elvis Presley had numerous pets, including donkeys he kept in an empty swimming pool and a turkey named Bowtie, but his favorite was his chimpanzee, Scatter. Scatter accompanied the King on tour, but was unruly and out of control, biting the crew and even swigging whiskey when left unsupervised. The chimp was sent back to Graceland, where it's alleged that a cleaning lady poisoned him after being bitten severely.

• Taylor Swift might be described as a "cat lady," as she is the happy owner of three felines, all of which are named after television/movie characters. Cat #1 is Olivia Benson, named after actress Mariska Hargitay's character in the "Law & Order" TV series. Kitty Meredith Grey takes her name from the female doctor in "Grey's Anatomy," played by Ellen Pompeo. Her third cat is Benjamin Button, named for Brad Pitt's character in the 2008 movie, "The Curious Case of Benjamin Button."

• Napoleon Bonaparte's wife Josephine kept a primate, a female orangutan that joined her at the dinner table attired in a white cotton dress. The ape supposedly had flawless manners and had a love of turnips. Josephine also kept an emu, black swans, and several kangaroos.

• In 2020, the Guinness Book of World Records introduced a new category to their line-up, that of "Most Followers on Instagram for a Cat." It came as the result of Nala, a Siamese-tabby mix owned by Varisiri Methachittiphan, affectionately known as Pookie. Pookie rescued 5-month-old Nala from a Los Angeles animal shelter and, upon the advice of her sister in Thailand, began documenting Nala's adorable charm on Instagram in 2012. Her postings were an instant hit, and by 2019, Nala had more than 4.2 million fans on the site. The number now tops 4.5 million and the feline has a net worth of \$100 million. In addition to the enormous amounts of paid advertising she generates, Nala has her own cat food line. In 2019, the cat was also named TikToker of the Year, getting the better of four human competitors.

• Actress Audrey Hepburn met her pet fawn, Pippen, on the set of "Green Mansions," a 1959 film with a script that called for Hepburn's character to followed around by a small fawn. In the off-hours, in order to foster a relationship with the animal for the film, Hepburn took Pippen home and fed her from a baby bottle. When filming was concluded, Hepburn kept the deer, giving her a bed in a custom-made bathtub, although Pippen sometimes slept in Hepburn's bed. Pippen was a guest at parties, and was also taken to the grocery store.

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Differences: 1. Paper is missing. 2. Foot is missing. 3. Collar is added. 4. Phone is moved. 5. Desk legs are longer. 6. Man is standing straighter.

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
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 6 tablespoons purchased graham cracker crumbs
 2 tablespoons Light Margarine
 3 tablespoons chopped pecans

- Heat oven to 350 F. Spray an 8-by-8-inch baking dish with butter-flavored cooking spray.
- In a large bowl, combine peaches, 1/2 cup Splenda and 1/4 cup baking mix. Spread mixture evenly into prepared baking dish.
- In a medium bowl, combine remaining 1/2 cup baking mix, graham cracker crumbs, remaining 1/4 cup Splenda and margarine. Using a pastry blender or 2 forks, mix until mixture is crumbly. Stir in pecans. Evenly sprinkle crumb mixture over top.
- Bake for 35 to 45 minutes or until top is golden and filling is bubbly. Place baking dish on a wire rack and let set for at least 5 minutes. Divide into 6 servings.

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OK, MY FRONT IS BURNT AND I'M STUFFED FROM THE BUFFET. I TIPPED THE STAFF TO COME FLIP ME IN ANOTHER TEN MINUTES.

GRIN and BEAR IT by Wiggins

"You were more fun when you were a prince!"

TIGER by BUD BLAKE

NERD! AIRHEAD!

I'VE DECIDED NOT TO BE A COP WHEN I GROW UP

KOVELS
Antiques & Collecting
By Terry and Kim Kovel

Majolica Stools

May means warmer weather, flowers blooming and more time spent outdoors, especially in the garden. It's a place to sit, relax and enjoy the view of your beautiful plants and the birds and butterflies they attract.



This majolica stool was made in the 20th century. It is square instead of the antique barrel shape but still shows the influence of the 19th-century style.

Garden seats have been used for centuries. Early garden seats in China, called zuodun, literally "a block to sit on," were shaped like barrels with a stretched skin top held in place with nails. Later garden seats were made of porcelain but had the same barrel shape and featured decorative rows of bumps to resemble the old nail heads.

In 19th-century Europe and America, majolica, an earthenware pottery with thick, colorful tin glaze, was a popular material for garden seats, planters and other garden furnishings. They often had three-dimensional nature-themed decorations. However, majolica is fragile, prone to chipping and cracking, so it should be brought inside during inclement weather or kept indoors. Victorians often kept majolica pieces in conservatories, or greenhouses, so they could be part of a nature setting without being exposed to the elements.

Majolica stools are still sought as decorative items. This one that sold for \$160 at Bunch Auctions was made in the 20th century, but shares the vivid colors and three-dimensional decorations of its Victorian predecessors.

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FEAR KNOT

By: rj Johnson

DOUBT? ... OR DARE!

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MATSLO
EFTRO
♥ETRI
♥TRALEH
GRI
♥HSGA
LEOHL
♥RFO
ERFTOG
♥ERAGE
♥GEOL

Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or HEART). Fit each string's word either across or down to knot all twelve strings together.

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• Thirty-sixth U.S. President Lyndon Baines Johnson came under fire in 1964 for his treatment of his pair of beagles, Him and Her. When LBJ was photographed lifting Him up by his ears, the Humane Society of Texas publicly denounced Johnson, calling for an apology. The President issued a statement, defending Him's yelps as "a sound of joy." Her died later that year after swallowing a rock, and Him perished two years later after being hit by an executive chauffeur.

• As First Daughter Chelsea Clinton left her piano lesson in 1991, a cat leaped into her arms, one that would be taken home to the White House. Socks the Cat was the official presidential pet for six years until 1997 when a Labrador Retriever was introduced to the family. Socks the Cat and Buddy the Dog loathed each other at first sight. Socks lost the battle when the Clintons left the White House in 2001, taking Buddy with them, and giving the cat to the President's secretary.

King Crossword

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ACROSS

- "House" actor Omar
- Nick and Nora's dog
- Mountain pass
- Mend socks
- "- to differ!"
- Flamenco cheer
- Marmaduke, for one
- Allow
- Realm
- Protuberances
- French article
- Filled fully
- Gear teeth
- Understood
- Hoodwink
- Scary cry
- Flying saucer
- Perch
- Attempt
- Knock
- School support orgs.
- Object (to)
- Battery size
- Ibsen's Gabler
- Golfer
- Sorenstam
- Land in la mer
- Bruce
- Springsteen hit
- JFK regulator
- "Her" actress Rooney

DOWN

- Rim
- Italian cheese, for short
- Ready, as for surgery
- Slowpokes
- Staffer
- Govt. loan agcy.
- Toe count
- Representative
- Pricey powder
- Sheltered
- Favorites
- Three, in Rome
- British ref. work
- To date
- Perched on
- "NCIS" aier
- Sound of delight
- Bargain
- Mentor
- Zadora of "Hairspray"
- Roswell visitors
- Sluggo Williams
- Bamboo eaters
- Molten rock
- Some
- LP player
- Israeli airline
- Basra resident
- Shakespeare villain
- Actress Sedgwick
- Pronto
- di-dah
- Mouths (Lat.)

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• George H.W. Bush's English Springer Spaniel, Mildred Kerr Bush, nicknamed Millie, was once called "the most famous dog in White House history." George mentioned Millie in a 1992 speech while campaigning for re-election, referring to the opposing candidates when he said, "My dog Millie knows more about foreign affairs than these two bozos." In 1990, Millie was credited as the author of "Millie's Book," a children's book actually authored by Barbara Bush, but written from the perspective of Millie. The book was Number One on The New York Times best seller list. Millie was portrayed in episodes of TV's "Murphy Brown," "Wings," "Who's the Boss," and "The Simpsons." A Houston, Texas dog park is named in her honor. The 12-year-old Millie died in 1997 of pneumonia.

• Seventh president Andrew Jackson, a war hero of the War of 1812, was the owner of a parrot named Poll, a bird

that first belonged to his wife Rachel. Following her death, Jackson was Poll's caretaker for 17 years. When Jackson died in 1845, the parrot was brought to the funeral, where he began squawking and swearing in the voice of his owner.

Holidays & Observances This Week

4/21	Kindergarten Day
4/22	National Jelly Bean Day
4/23	National Library Day
4/24	International Guide Dogs Day
4/25	DNA Day
4/26	Audubon Day
4/27	Babe Ruth Day

The cursing was never-ending, and the foul-mouthed Poll had to be removed from the service held at Jackson's Nashville home, The Hermitage.

• During his presidency, Ronald Reagan owned six different dogs - Rex, a Cavalier King Charles spaniel, Victory, a Golden

Retriever, the Irish setter Peggy, a Siberian husky named Taca, Fuzzy the Belgian sheepdog, and Lucky, a Bouvier des Flandres, a Belgian herding dog breed.

• Theodore Roosevelt brought a baby badger home from a 1903 trip out west, and named it Josiah. Josiah was only one of the sizable menagerie of pets kept by the Roosevelt family and their six children. A black bear named Jonathan Edwards was allowed to roam the grounds of the White House, along with Maude the pig, Algonquin the pony, Peter the rabbit, a hyena, and five dogs. A lizard, five guinea pigs, and feathered friends - a macaw, a hen, a one-legged rooster, and a barn owl - completed the collection. Daughter Alice was the owner of a Pekingese named Manchu, a gift from the last empress of China during a trip there.

Even Exchange

by Donna Pettman

Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

1. Ice cream portion	___ C ___	One-mast sailboat	___ L ___
2. Beginning	___ S ___	Electrical plug	___ L ___
3. Park chair	___ E ___	Group of grapes	___ U ___
4. Talking bird	P ___	Treat for Bugs Bunny	C ___
5. Paired with gin	___ N ___	Subject	___ P ___
6. Eat voraciously	___ R ___	Pious	___ T ___
7. Bracelet location	___ R ___	Old card game	___ H ___
8. Beautiful	___ V ___	Secluded	___ N ___
9. Stockholm native	___ W ___	Velvety leather	___ U ___
10. Dirty look	___ R ___	Open space	___ D ___

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top ten

NFL Teams With Most Super Bowl Wins

1/2	New England Patriots, 6
	Pittsburgh Steelers, 6
3/4	San Francisco 49ers, 5
	Dallas Cowboys, 5
5/6/7	Kansas City Chiefs, 4
	Green Bay Packers, 4
	New York Giants, 4
8/9/10	Denver Broncos, 3
	L.A./Oakland Raiders, 3
	Washington Commanders, 3

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By Sam Mazzotta

How to Greet Other Dogs on the Street

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: I adopted a sweet but somewhat rambunctious little mutt, "Karla," who is about 13 months old. The problem is that she wants to jump and bark at other dogs when we're out for a walk. How can I calm her down? — *Jen in Duluth, Georgia*

DEAR JEN: Reactivity is natural behavior for a puppy that loves to play with other dogs, but of course, it's not desirable behavior. Jumping and barking can trigger an aggressive response from some dogs, or stress out other dogs. It can scare humans.

Fortunately, it's a behavior that you can moderate with a specific, daily training regime that will teach Karla to stay

calm on the leash.

First, gather your tools: A sturdy leash that is about 5 feet long (no retractable leashes allowed), a harness and a pocketful of Karla's favorite treats, cut into tiny pieces. I recommend the harness over a collar because it allows you to strongly control Karla if she starts jumping, without risking an injury to her throat.

Next, teach and reinforce three crucial commands: sit, stay and heel. From the moment you put on Karla's harness and leash, to when you take them off at the end of the walk, she needs to follow your commands. Karla should sit calmly while you attach and remove the leash. During the walk, she should remain next to you, with a little slack in the leash. If she starts to tug ahead, stop, command her to sit and, once she sits, start off again, giving the command "heel."

Keep the training positive, and remember that it will take time and consistency. As she learns what you expect from her, Karla will become a great walking companion.

Readers, how do you keep your dog calm on a walk? Let us know at ask@pawscorner.com.

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
 ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Looking at the Causes Behind Mobility Issues



DEAR DR. ROACH: I am 79 and can move around without any problem. I walk five days a week, and my weight is normal. However, it seems to me that many people -- some younger than I am -- have mobility problems. I wonder what

causes this problem. Is it lack of exercise, genes, weight, etc.? — *E.G.*

ANSWER: Be very grateful that you can move around without a problem, as most people in their late 70s do have mobility issues. The most common reason is osteoarthritis, but there are many causes, such as neurological diseases, cardiovascular issues and other types of arthritis. While it is true that not exercising can lead to poor mobility, most of the time, it isn't a person's fault that they have difficulty with mobility. Arthritis can happen to a person of any weight and

at any level of exercise.

Exercise helps the vast majority of people improve their mobility, but there are exceptions. Many people with myalgic encephalomyelitis/chronic fatigue syndrome are intolerant of exercise, and overdoing it can lead their condition to worsen. This syndrome has also been known as systemic exertion intolerance disease. Well-meaning physicians, friends and family might have recommended exercise to a patient, which could have caused them to have a flare-up.

Although being very overweight increases the risk of arthritis, having a normal weight doesn't prevent its development. Genetic influences are very complicated, but they also have a role in the development of osteoarthritis.



• It's tough to eat home-cooked meals as a single eater. Most recipes are geared for multiple portions, and you probably don't want to eat the same thing for five

days straight. Try this: Get together with some friends and have a potluck. Each guest brings an entree and at least two side dishes, in extra-large portions, and his or her own leftovers containers. Split the food up amongst the guests, packaged as meals. Everyone can cook once and eat for a week.

• "If your baby gets very rashy on her backside, try to give her some 'air time' each day. Just an hour a day with no diaper has made a big difference in my baby girl's rash." — *H.P. in Illinois*

• "Leftover dry erase calendars make good bingo card bases. Cut out a five by five section, and use a permanent marker to fill the squares with small random numbers. Make matching call cards from the unused squares. Place the call cards in a sandwich baggie and the rest in a larger plastic bag. Include a couple dry erase markers, and you have a set that can be used anywhere (ours is in the car) over and over again." — *E.W. and S.D. in Oregon*

• Did you have too much summer fun last year? Be ready to soothe that sunkissed skin this year with frozen aloe vera. Use an ice-cube tray to freeze aloe vera gel, and let the soothing begin!

• Control kids' artwork with a digital photo album. Take photos of the best pictures of the month, then arrange them in a scrapbook template and print them out. Keep the pages in a three-ring binder. Label with the child's name.

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PUZZLE ANSWERS

PLACES IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA
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 N P O S S I B L E
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Even Exchange
 answers
 1. Scoop, Sloop 6. Devour, Devout
 2. Outset, Outlet 7. Wrist, Whist
 3. Bench, Bunch 8. Lovely, Lonely
 4. Parrot, Carrot 9. Swede, Suede
 5. Tonic, Topic 10. Glare, Glade

Weekly SUDOKU
 Answer
 9 2 5 6 1 7 3 8 4
 6 4 1 3 8 9 5 2 7
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King Crossword
 Answers
 Solution time: 25 mins.

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Answers

- Meg, Jo, Beth and Amy.
- The 40-acre Desert of Maine.
- "The Lord of the Rings" and "The Hobbit" trilogies.
- Tears.
- Canada.
- Smell.
- "Toward better things."
- "Black-ish."
- Stephen Sondheim.
- The Grateful Dead.

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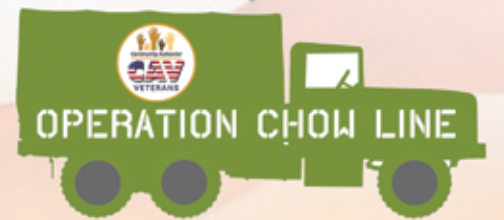
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For membership qualification in the Veterans of Foreign Wars, an individual must meet the following TWO requirements:

1: **Honorable Service.**

Must have served in the Armed Forces of the United States and either received a discharge of Honorable or General (Under Honorable Conditions) or be currently serving.

2: **Service in a war, campaign, or expedition on foreign soil or in hostile waters.**

- This can be proven by any of the following:
- An authorized campaign medal
- Receipt of Hostile Fire Pay or Imminent Danger Pay (verified by a military pay statement)
- Service in Korea for 30 consecutive or 60 non-consecutive days

Vital Veterans Resources Will Be Available

- VFW/Auxiliary - Hosting
Commander Troy Foster
Auxiliary President Tami Chase
- Veterans Health Administration (Sioux Falls/Fargo) representee
- Veterans Benefits Administration (Sioux Falls/Fargo) representee
- Field Service Officer Guy Arnold
- Tribal Veteran Service Officer Geri Opsal
- Roberts County Veteran Service Officer Christopher Hicks
- Vet Center (Mental Health) representee
- Operation Chow Line Jill Baker
- ATS Associated Training Services
Tami Saleska. We are approved through the VA for Voc. Rehab (VR&E) along with GI Bill for Veterans. We train in heavy equipment, crane operations and Class A CDL.



Auxiliary Eligibility

- GRANDDAUGHTER
- GRANDMOTHER
- GRANDFATHER
- GRANDSON
- DAUGHTER
- HUSBAND
- BROTHER
- MOTHER
- FATHER
- SISTER
- WIFE
- SON



IMPORTANT VA INFO ON EXPANDING HEALTHCARE

VA has announced that they are expanding healthcare eligibility to all veterans who served in the Vietnam War, the Gulf War, Iraq, Afghanistan, or any other combat zone after 9/11/2001. Originally, the PACT Act called for a phased in approach, but at the direction of President Biden, VA has instead opened this expanded eligibility to VA Healthcare effective March 5, 2024.

Please encourage any eligible veterans to enroll in VA healthcare; they can do so online at <https://www.va.gov/health-care/apply/application/introduction>, by phone at 877-222-8387, or by visiting a local VA medical facility.