



PRIDE MONTH

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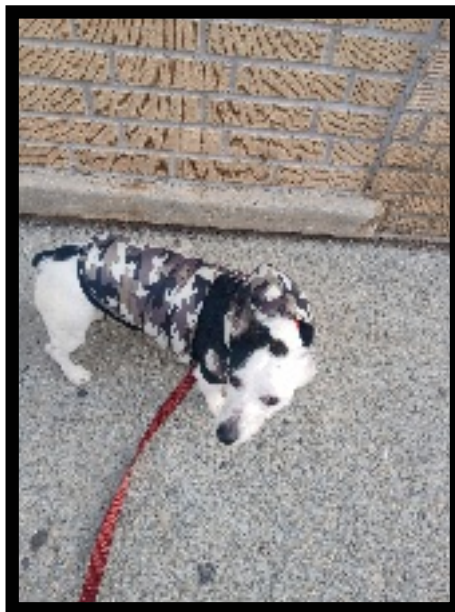
Did you know that there's a sizable counter-culture which actually believes that the Apollo moon landings were faked? It's true! I'm an independent investigator who has successfully embedded myself within their ranks; under the guise of support for their fanciful, and, often, laughable ramblings. Many believers subscribe to the urban legend that the footage was actually filmed at the direction of (D.W. Griffith lifetime achievement award recipient) none other than every truther's favorite director extraordinaire, Stanley Kubrick! More specifically, enthusiasts further extrapolate that the Blockbuster movie, "The Shining" was the mad genius' CONFESSIO to his part in the conspiracy! Confused? I literally had to research this horse shit extensively, prior to any attempt at a successful infiltration of this elusive subset; in their absurd, "Matrix" reality! Of course much of my "art" (all part of my cover) had to incorporate Mr. Kubrick's imagery to lend me legitimacy. Anyway, all that aside, please enjoy taking in this piece, and, by all means, consider hugging a flat earther today. They are dumber than hell; but I have found, quite harmless. 🙏❤️🙏 Floyd Bingo!

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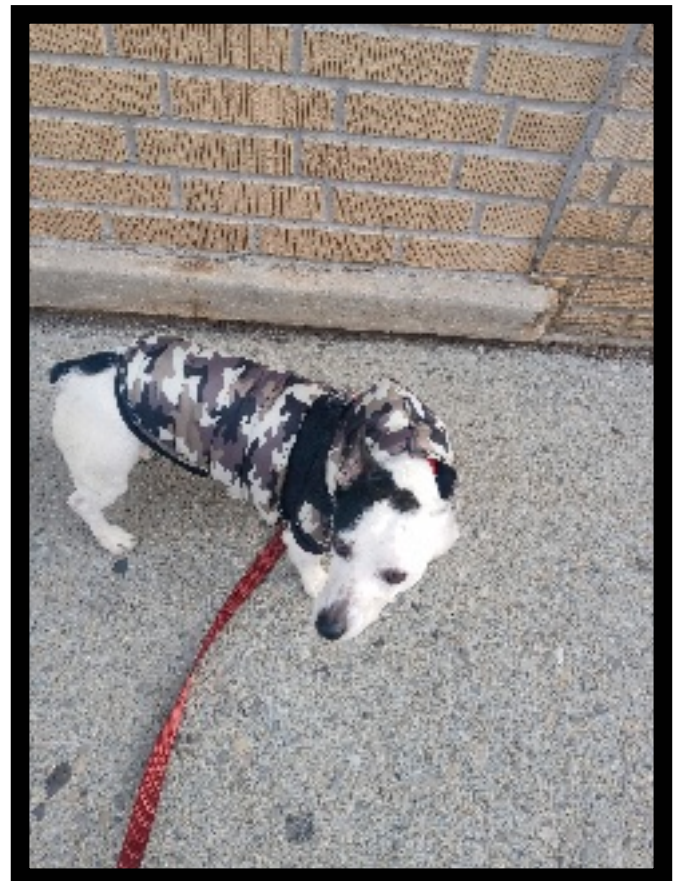


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Oreo is a rescue Jack Russell Terrier. We got him from the pound where his tail was docked and sold for money and his previous owners kept him locked in the bathroom all day long. He is very lovable, athletic, attentive, and kind to humans as well as other dogs. Oreo needed to find a forever home! He found it with me and my partner because we spoil him with all the love that he desires! He even sleeps in bed with us every night!

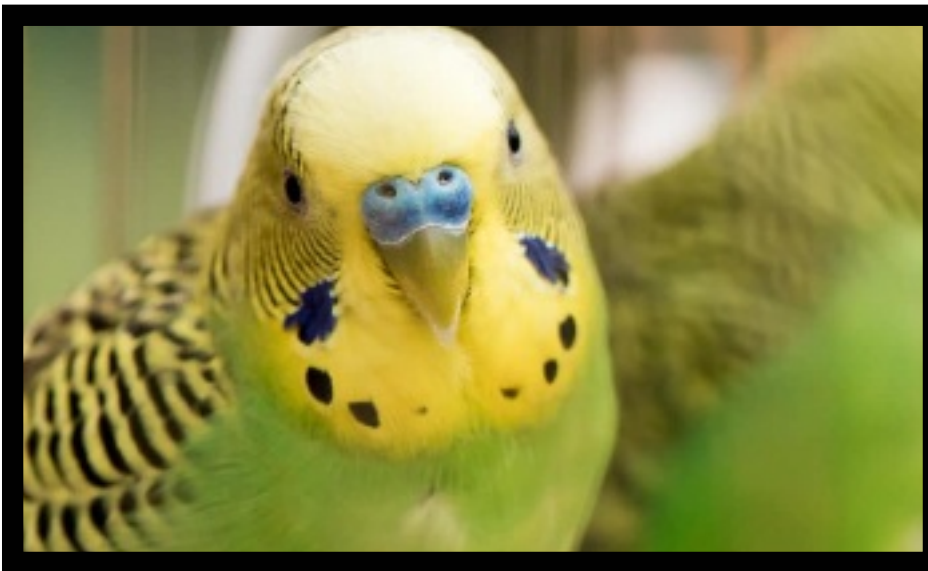


(A) History : The History of Parakeets



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Cuddling is a clear indicator that your parakeet likes you and wants to bond with you. If your bird gently nuzzles against your hand, climbs around on



oms you, and rubs against your neck, you will know that your parakeet likes you and feels safe around you. Puffing up is a way for birds to conserve body warmth. You may notice that birds tend to look “fuller” on cold, winter days. Birds fluff up to trap as much air as possible in their feathers. The more air they trap, the warmer they are. One way to tell the gender of a parakeet is to check its cere, the band of raised fleshy skin located above the nostrils. The male parakeet has a cere that is either a pink, blue, or purplish-blue color. The female parakeet has a cere that is either white, light tan, or light blue.



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(A) Education : The History of Zoos



While modern zoos are almost unrecognizable compared to zoos of the past, the history of the zoo can actually be dated back to Ancient Egypt around 3,000 years ago. Back then, animals were used to show the wealth and power of a ruler, with pharaohs demanding wild animals be captured on their behalf. The first real zoo was established by Queen Hatshepsut in 1500 B.C. in Egypt by collecting animals from all over Africa. Later, Emperor Wen Wang of China built a zoo to show his wealth and power. Spread over 1,500 acres, it had animals from all over his empire and was named the Garden of Intelligence. A zoo (short for zoological garden; also called an animal park or menagerie) is a facility in which animals are housed within enclosures, cared for, displayed to the public, and in some cases bred for conservation purposes. The term *zoological garden* refers to zoology, the study of animals. The term is derived from the Greek, *zoon*, 'animal', and the suffix, *-logia*, 'study of'. The abbreviation *zoo* was first used of the London Zoological Gardens, which was opened for scientific study in 1828 and to

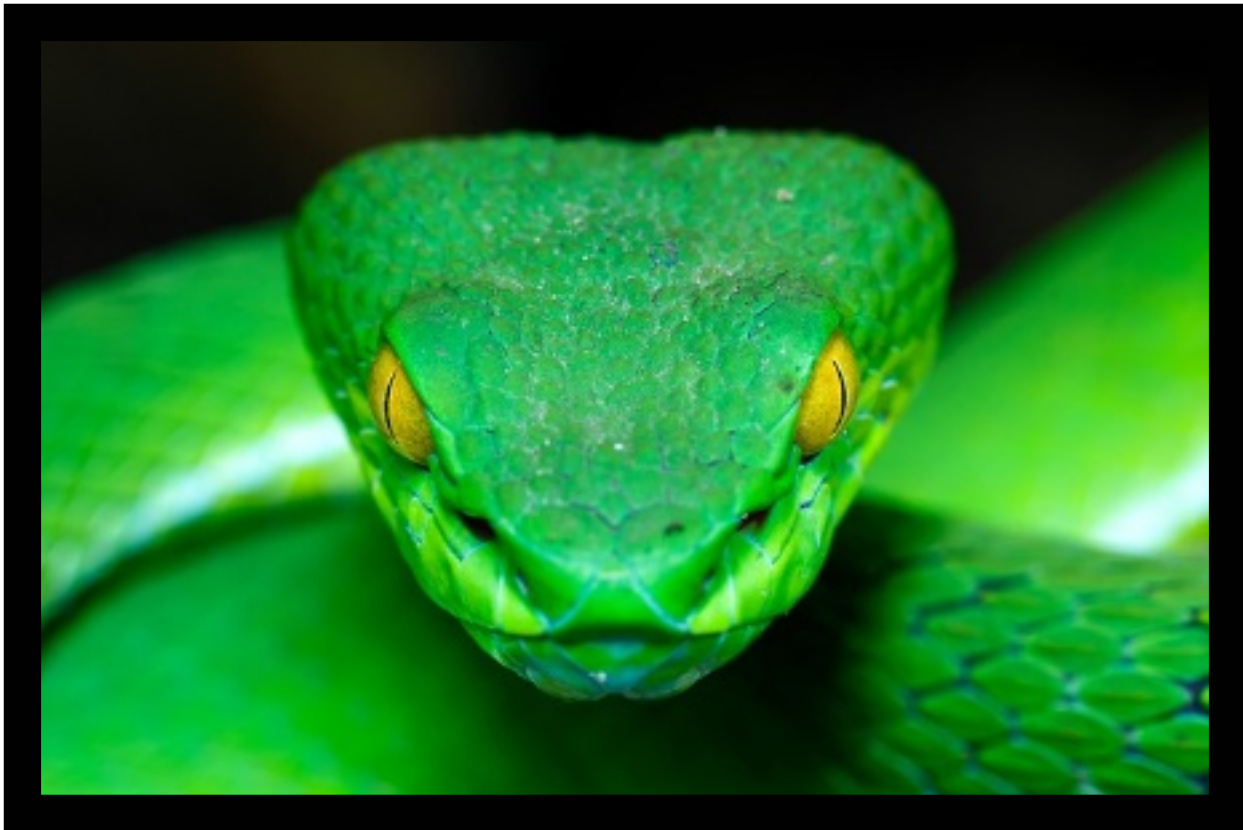


the public in 1847. In the United States alone, zoos are visited by over 181 million people annually. The need for public entertainment, as well as the requirements of scholarly research, came together in the founding of the first modern zoos. Whipsnade Park Zoo in Bedfordshire, England, opened in 1931. It allowed visitors to drive through the enclosures and come into close proximity with the animals. Zoos are necessary because they unite and educate the community, provide an understanding of the interdependence of animals and their habitats, and conduct conservation programs of animals in the wild, including breeding programs to reintroduce extinct and endangered species back into their natural environment.

The most common types of zoos are wildlife parks, safari parks, aquariums, and petting zoos. According to the American Zoo and Aquarium Association (AZA), there are over 10,000 zoos worldwide. In 1907 Carl Hagenbeck realized that keeping wild animals in cages hurts them and that comfort of wild animals is important to their survival in captivity. He designed and opened the first modern zoo situated outside of Hamburg where animals had more space and were less distracted by the noise of the city.





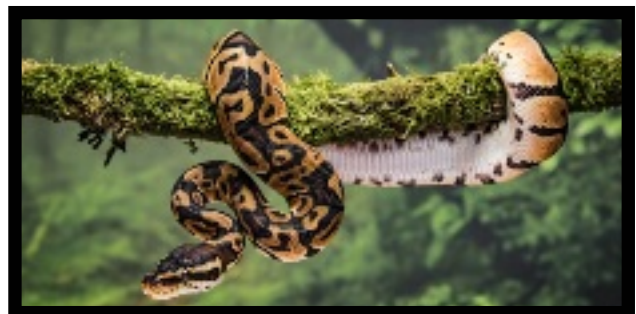


Snakes are elongated, limbless, carnivorous reptiles of the suborder Serpentes. Like all other squamates, snakes are ectothermic, amniote vertebrates covered in overlapping scales. The saw-scaled viper (*Echis carinatus*) may be the deadliest of all snakes, since scientists believe it to be responsible for more human deaths than all other snake species combined. Its venom, however, is lethal in less than 10 percent of untreated victims, but the snake's aggressiveness means it bites early and often. Brazil is the country with the largest number of species of snakes in the world.

There are more than 3,000 species of snakes on the planet and they're found everywhere except in Antarctica, Iceland, Ireland, and Greenland. The largest venomous snake found in the United States is the eastern diamondback. The largest eastern diamondback on record weighed 34 pounds and measured 94 inches in length. Venomous snakes that are found in the United States include rattlesnakes, copperheads, cottonmouths/water moccasins, and coral snakes. While most snakes have a triangular head, venomous snakes will have a more bulging look to them, especially along their jaws, because of their venomous sacks. Harmless snakes will have a skinnier head because of their lack of venomous sacks. Lastly, you can look at the color of the snake. With the exception of a few species that have adapted to

daytime hunting, most snakes do not see well. Generally they can see shapes but not details. This poor eyesight probably owes to their evolutionary history as burrowers, living in the dark where eyes weren't much use. The season can play a role in snake sleeping habits. Most snakes spend about 16 hours per day asleep. In the winter, that can climb to 20 hours. Since we know that the peak sensitivity of a snake's hearing is in the 200 to 300 Hz range and the average human voice is at about 250 Hz, we can determine that a pet snake can, in fact, hear you talking to them.

The fastest land snake is the aggressive black mamba (*Dendroaspis polylepis*) of southeastern, tropical Africa. The snake can reach speeds of 16-19 km/h (10-12 mph) in short bursts over level ground. Snakes are generally shy and will not attack unless provoked, so it's best to leave them be. If you see a snake inside your home, get all people and pets out of the room immediately. Shut the door and fill the gap underneath with a towel, then call a professional snake catcher for assistance.





SUPPORTING PRIDE MONTH

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Month (LGBT Pride Month) is celebrated annually in June to honor the 1969 Stonewall riots, and works to achieve equal justice and equal opportunity for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning (LGBTQ) Americans. The pride flag was created in 1978 by gay designer and political activist Gilbert Baker. This highly visible symbol of pride arose from an idea of hope and power more than 40 years ago at a site that could be worthy of national recognition. The various colors came to reflect both the immense diversity and the unity of the LGBTQ community. It was not until 1994 that the rainbow flag was truly established as the symbol for LGBTQ pride. That year Baker made a mile-long version for the 25th anniversary of the Stonewall riots. Each of the original eight colors represented an idea: pink for sexuality, red for life, orange for healing, yellow for sun, green for nature, blue for art, indigo for harmony, and violet for spirit. There have been many variations on the flag. In 2021, the flag was altered in solidarity with the Black Lives Matter protests, including black to represent diversity, brown to represent inclusivity and light blue and pink, the colors of the trans pride flag.

Today, celebrations include pride parades, picnics, parties, workshops, symposia and concerts, and LGBT Pride Month events attract millions of participants around the world. Memorials are held during this month for those members of the community who have been lost to hate crimes or HIV/AIDS. The purpose of the commemorative month is to recognize the impact that LGBTQ individuals have had on history locally, nationally, and internationally.

PET LIFE : THE VET BILL



Monthly premiums can range from as low as \$10 to higher than \$100, though most pet owners can expect to pay between \$30 and \$50 per month for a plan with decent coverage. Your pet's age, species and breed, as well as where you live and the coverage you choose, all factor into your insurance rates. Vet treatment can often cost hundreds of pounds and it's not surprising that some pet owners struggle to afford unplanned treatment if their pet suffers an accident or illness. Having pet insurance ensures you're there for your pet when they need it most without worrying about vet bills. When looking at premiums, Perfect Pet Insurance takes several factors into consideration such as the age and breed of your pet, the location in which the pet resides, along with any claim's history. Each factor is looked at within a different risk group.

Typically, vaccinations are not covered under a standard accident-and-illness plan. However, if you decide to go with a policy from a provider that offers a wellness care add-on, that will usually cover the costs associated with vaccinations. Vet care costs have increased because of the rising prices for drug and pharmaceutical products, while new technologies and the latest medical equipment are more expensive, explained Mark Rosati, assistant director of media relations for the American Veterinary Medical Association, over email. Vets often overcharge for pet medications. For prescriptions like flea, tick, and heartworm medications, online pharmacies like PetCareRx are most likely going to offer you a better price than your vet. It's possible your vet could match these lower prices, but you'd have to ask your vet to find out. Two vets may be charging around the same amount for any given treatment. But pet owners have to rely on their vets being honest about what treatments are actually required. An unscrupulous vet could recommend all sorts of expensive procedures and tests.





Payton (Black) & Brady (Blonde) on their first trip to the Pocono Mountains.

COVER FEATURE

BRADY & PAYTON

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I really wanted a small dog for my birthday and decided to go to City Pups located on 18th st in Manhattan, New York to scout out my next bestie. I found him and named him 'Brady' after my favorite NFL player Tom Brady. Brady was my first dog .I found him to be super adorable, cute and extremely friendly. He was only four months old when I got him. His birthday is September 9th 2016 and every year we have a big party just for him! I was working a lot and Brady had to stay alone most of the day which made me feel he needed a companion. I went back to the same place (City Pups) and that's when Payton came along. She's named after the NFL star Payton Manning. Now Brady had a bestie, and I had two of them. When Brady met Payton he was overjoyed, just wagging all around with excitement; it made me so happy! Her birthday is April 16th , 2017. They both instantly became apart of my family and bring joy to us all. These are my babies for life and I just adore them.

