

# PETS' MEWS

The MewsPaper for Instagramming Pets, Plushies and their People

## Welcome

Helloooooo! It's a **Halloween Special Issue** of Pets' Mews. Boo! (Don't be scared, there are only friendly ghosties here).

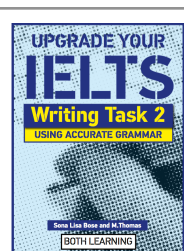
## In this Issue

- Our great reporter, [@adventurabbit](#) interviews Dušana Alinga, or [@altravelbunny](#) to Insta-pals.
- We've got an exclusive report of *the Wedding of the Year* by our friend [@audreyclery](#).



- AND... there's a very special fact about shoes by our Royal Correspondent, [@kerlethesquirrel](#).
- AND AND AND, a great recipe from [@jackson\\_the\\_bear](#)

PS. Look out for our little halloween guests and see how many you can spot!



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## Spy Bat and Halloween



By [@spybatmissions](#)

Fall is a special time for bats. It is the time of the year when they prepare themselves for a long winter's sleep in a dark and cold place after being out in the open during the summer. The longer and darker evenings and nights during the fall are good for bats though, since bats are the most active during those hours. This makes bats perfect spies! SpyBat has had this profession for over six years now, and says that even though he likes working during the day, he gets a lot more done at night.



In the fall it is also time for Halloween! For a bat, this means being out in the open and socialising with humans like no other time of the year. Many people might be

scared of bats, even though they are very kind and not at all harmful for humans! Therefore, bats are an often seen element in Halloween celebrations. For SpyBat, this means that he can operate in plain sight, without even having to disguise himself! When children go trick-or-treating, he can simply come along among other accessories the children have. This gives SpyBat a great opportunity to survey a neighbourhood and get an idea of what is going on there. At the same time, SpyBat also enjoys getting into the Halloween spirit too, by dressing up, or simply taking the opportunity of using the beautifully coloured fall leaves as camouflage!

Despite the need for a spy to stay unnoticed, SpyBat still wishes to emphasise the importance of not getting harmed in the dark. It is very important to be visible to car drivers and other people in the traffic. Therefore, he kindly reminds all of you to put a reflector on your clothing when you are out and about in the dark at Halloween! Happy Fall and Halloween from SpyBat and his assistant!



# Exclusive Interview

@[altravelbunny](#): Dušana Alinga

By: @[adventurabbit](#)

*We caught up with an awesome little bunny who loves globe-hopping by swapping humans!*



### You travel the world using the alternative travel project. Tell us a bit more.

The Alternative Travel Project is a non-profit organisation creating awareness for communities, health and the protection of planet earth for future generations. This involves using different transport options, rather than driving in car-bubbles. Even one day a week of alternative travel can help with social, health and environmental benefits. You can read more at: <http://www.alternativetravelproject.org>

### What has been your favourite kind of travel method?

My favourite type of travel is 'human swapping' – this is where I change humans every few days and travel in their selected method. I've travelled by skateboard, trains, busses (maybe not my favourite), bikes and walking. Sometimes, when I'm very lucky, I get to fly!

### What has been your favourite destination?

My favourite destination so far has been Antarctica! It is so clean and free of humans and infrastructure, that one begins to realise how much damage the humans are doing to the world. "Nature does not need humans, humans need nature." – Unknown Source.

### I understand you're searching for a forever home, does this mean you plan to settle down someday?

I do hope to settle down, one day with a forever family, who will love me and enjoy the benefits of family lifestyle; however, travelling the world, learning, teaching and inspiring is a great adventure... so I'm not sure when it will end.

### Not too long ago you found yourself a lovely new name. How did you pick it?

My original human casually gave me a Croatian name, but most of my humans couldn't pronounce it properly, so I asked my IG friends to help me, by suggesting a name, and its meaning and origin. I chose the three I liked best and put them forward to an IG vote. The name with the most votes won (which was the original name, so maybe it was meant to be) and then I liked the Australian indigenous name so much, I added it as a middle name. This gives my name the meaning of 'spirit or soul of the sun'.

### If you hopped down the street right now, what would you see?

If I hopped down the street, I would see the Bologna train station all lit up (it's night here now). Along the hop, I would also see local kids playing ball on the side roads.

### If you could make up an ice-cream flavour, what would it be?

Periwinkle bumble-berry

Remember the Percy Portrait Competition? Well, apart from painting the winner, dear Anna, @[oberschweinchen](#), @[percybunnyrabbit](#)'s talented Best Friend has been busy with some other sketches! Well, I think you'll recognise everyone... I don't think any sneaky ghostie or ghoulie would sneak in, would they?



@theadventuresofkeith

@goodnicefrank

@blabbyboy

## Fact of the Day

### The True Origin of Shoes

Researched and Written by  
@kerlethesquirrel

Shoes. Everyone knows them, some use them for work, some for sport, some for fashion and some even developed addiction to shoes.

The story of the origin of the shoe seemed to be lost in time, last year After years of extensive research and digging through annals, I finally got a break through a year ago.

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The red light showing fasten your seatbelt was flashing on the dash board above me, while the little propeller plane began it's descend before setting down on the tiny secret airstrip in the Daintree Rainforest.

A wall of hot humid air greeted me, and I filled my lungs before climbing down the stairs.

Picking up my backpack and strapping it tight, I entered the jungle only armed with my wits, 2 kgs of peanuts, some water and the sound of Paint it Black by Rolling Stones on my Android phone.

The Daintree Rainforest as it is known as in modern days, named after a Richard Daintree (1832-1878) is around 1,200 square kilometres. Way before it was known as Daintree, it was named TH&TH (Too Hot & Too Humid) by a squirrel, Azki Grumpytail (1010-1098) who actually never more than ventured to the border of the rainforest before turning around. After days of wandering, I began wondering if I had made a mistake not downloading more than one playlist with 5 tracks on it, there was no signal here to download more.

Annoyed and munching on some crushed peanuts, I looked around at the small clearing. When it hit me I hadn't seen any animals the last hours. The forest was silent, with only the wind rustling the leaves and the sound of water lazily floating down the nearby stream.



I stopped chewing feeling uneasy, my fur on my neck began tingling, with the feeling someone was watching me. I called out Hello!, but nothing but silence. Probably nothing, but yet the feeling of being observed didn't leave. I hurriedly put my last peanuts into my backpack, drank a sip of water and started walking.

Looking around me now and then, I began feeling paranoid, and couldn't stop laughing at myself for acting like a little scared squirrel. That's when I saw it! A huge print on the ground, looking exactly like the print of a sports shoe. Now I don't talk about a regular sized shoe, but more like the shoe I giant would walk around in. A giant with 50 cm long feet.

A giant leaving huge prints on the ground?! Was that why there weren't any animals here? Even though it was hot, a cold shiver ran down my spine, wishing I had brought my 2 inch baseball bat, I slowly and silently began following the tracks. Several hours later I still was following the tracks, not noticing how the dusk slowly had begun creeping into the forest. I knew I was in trouble when I discovered that I could hardly see the prints anymore because of the darkness. First rule of surviving in the forest as a squirrel, do not travel in the dark, because you might pass something edible without noticing.

It was already too dark to set up camp, and too dark to find a hiding place. Looking around with rising panic, I took a step further and my stomach

suddenly hit something solid but still soft. I focused all my attention in the dying light and I froze for a second, as I noticed the tip of a giant Nike shoe. I am going to die now I thought looking up at the wearer. Frantically pushing the icon for flashlight on my mobile phone and with trembling hands I shone the light at the wearer, when I heard. Hey dude do you mind not flashing that in my eyes, it's ruining my night vision. I almost dropped the phone before I recognised the shape of the wearer. A little flying squirrel wearing huge sport shoes. As it turned out the squirrel Kooblar, had been shadowing me for days to see me safely through the forest. But in the end he had decided to reveal himself before I could fall in the dark and hurt myself.

I stayed with my new found friend and his family and his friends for a month, where I learned that a lot of predators had always made life hard on the squirrels in the Daintree Forest. First the squirrels had adapted and learned to fly to not set footprints, that the predators could follow. But still it was not always possible to travel through the forest leaping from tree to tree. Thousands of years BC a small squirrel tribe had noticed that the Daintree predators would not follow footprints if they were larger than their own. Realising the potential of their discovery they soon began manufacturing huge shoes for all Daintree Forest squirrels, calling them Nike (New Intelligent Known Environment). Years later a human manufacturer stole the brand saying it was the name of a god (The Flying Squirrel community hasn't decided if they want to take the matters into a court yet).

The early shoes were made out of bark and leaves, but developed into stronger and better shoes into the shoes we know today.

And this is the true origin of shoes.



# Pop & Pol's Wedding

by [@audreyclery](#)

On Saturday, September 3 2016, we were able to attend the [@pop\\_and\\_pol's](#) Wedding. Many of their Instagram Friends were present at this Event! All were very stylish! Their Friends offered them all kinds of gifts and wished them all their wishes of happiness. Pop was very beautiful, she wore a very pretty white dress with lace, a lovely veil with flowers and pearls, a pretty pearl necklace and also a beautiful bouquet.



Pol, meanwhile, was very handsome too, in his elegant black suit, with his white tie and his pretty hat. [@kiki.and.friendz](#) was their

Bridesmaid, she was also lovely, all dressed in pink, with a beautiful bouquet. Later, Pop and Pol cut their wedding cake, a lovely cake decorated with roses. Then, came their Wedding Party! This day was like a Fairytale!

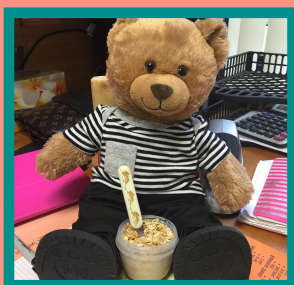


## Recipe Corner

by [@jackson\\_the\\_bear](#)

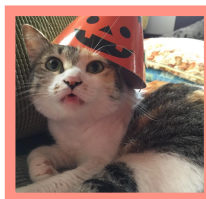
Mummy doesn't measure anything she just puts it all in a bowl. Preheat oven to 165 deg Celsius (329F) Rolled oats. Cinnamon shredded coconut (not desiccated coconut) almond slivers. Mix it all together. Line a baking tray with foil. Tip it onto tray and spread evenly. Drizzle with honey. Mummy does a zigzag thing. Bake for 15mins. Take out mix/turn drizzle a bit more honey. Bake 12-15mins. Take out mix it up again. Bake 12-15mins. Just keep an eye on it so it doesn't burn.

Mummy usually bakes / mixes 4-5times. And add as much honey each time as you want. When finished let it cool a bit. Tip into a bowl and just stir every so often until cool enough to put into an airtight container. Then we have it with almond milk. Yum!



**PS: Have you spotted all our Halloween friends? There were 3 (I think)**

## Halloween Snaps



[@kieko.moka](#) has a great hat, don't you think?

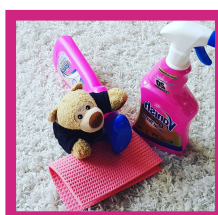
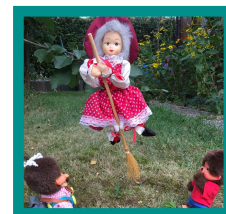


And look at [@fuwami](#) looking very Halloweenie



WHO's that behind [@dizzyjbear?](#) Boo!

Your friend is very nice [@monchi\\_bande](#)



And here's my winner of the #plushicolourquest #pinkweek, [@gasbricki](#). Con-catulations dear! If you want to enter next week's check out [@percybunnyrabbit](#) for more information.