



# PETS' MEWS



The MewsPaper for Instagramming Pets, Plushies and their People

## Welcome

The nights are getting longer here in the UK, and there's a definite nip in the air. The leaves have turned beautiful shades of gold and red, and we're having more mugs of hot chocolate. Yes, it's definitely autumn and that means a lovely, autumnal Pets' Mews. So snuggle up and enjoy! Love, Topsy Cat Bose xxx



## Here's what else is in store

- Remember, Remember the Fifth of November with [@fieryfaze](#)
- Be part of an amazing travelling exhibition with [@percybunnyrabbit](#)
- Enjoy a collection of your wonderful leafy photos

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- Visit the Amsterdam Royal Zoo with everyone's favourite monster, [@cookiemreport](#)



## From Russia, with Love: On tour in St Petersburg

By [@boashki](#)

Thanks to the Internet we have a lot of friends in different countries and cities. Looking at the pictures of our friends we get acquainted with the architecture of these cities, with the national cuisine and natural wonders of other countries. We live in Russia, in the city of Saint-Petersburg. This city is often called "The Venice of the North", as there are about 90 rivers and canals and approximately 300 bridges (including 22 flap bridges).

There are more than 30 islands in our city. We live on one of the biggest islands.



It is called Vasilievsky Island. Our city can be also called the Cultural capital of our country as it has nearly 300 museums and more than 70 theatres. Such museums as the State Hermitage, the Russian museum and the Kunstkamera are famous worldwide.

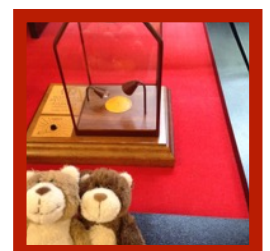


However, there are some unusual and odd museums in our city. They are Museum of illusion, the museum of playing game machines, the museum of bread, the Museum of underground, the museum of a toy, the Chocolate museum, the museum of cats and many more.

A really extraordinary is the museum of Left-hander, where you can see things carved on the surface of a horse hair or on a poppy-seed. To see the exhibits better a visitor is given a magnifying glass.

Then we can boast the museum called "The Grand-model of Russia". It is a huge exposition that contains airports, railway stations, houses, rivers, playgrounds and everyday scenes. This model represents a cadenced image of Russia.

The architecture of Saint-Petersburg is admirable. One can find buildings of all existed architectural styles.



# Guy Fawkes & The Gunpowder Plot

by [@fieryfaze](#) and Fiery's Person, Hazel Hunt

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Gunpowder Plot was foiled (5<sup>th</sup> November, 1605) bonfires were set alight to celebrate the safety of the King. Since then, 5<sup>th</sup> November has become known as Bonfire Night.

This period was notoriously unstable and the attempted attack on the King struck a very profound chord for the people of England. I hear that, even today, the current reigning Queen only enters Parliament once a year for something called "the State Opening of Parliament" but according to custom the Yeomen of the Guard search the cellars of the Palace of Westminster before the Opening. This tradition is still observed by the Queen and Parliament.

The tradition of bonfires is where humans will build bonfires and an effigy of Guy Fawkes will be put on top of the bonfire to be burnt. (Humans have to remember to check for hedgehogs before they set light to the bonfires because hedgehogs like to venture inside). On the evening of the 5<sup>th</sup> November this bonfire will be lit and professionally staged events of fireworks will be held up and down the country. Although humans also hold their own private firework display and bonfire instead of going to a staged event. Some humans wonder, in a tongue-in-cheek kind of way is this night a celebration for the execution of Guy Fawkes or to honour his attempt to get rid of the government?

The night the Gunpowder Plot was immortalised into a nursery rhyme and is introduced early into the young minds of children throughout the United Kingdom.

**The GunPowder Plot**  
Remember, remember the fifth of  
November,  
Gunpowder treason and plot.  
We see no reason  
Why gunpowder treason  
Should ever be forgot!

To read more of this poem, visit  
[@fieryfaze](#) and also find out how to  
#spellyournamethefieryway

Now that All Hallows Eve (this is what Halloween was originally called) is over, the humans in Great Britain look forward to a night about a man called Guy Fawkes but who is this guy? What is this night all about? What has it got to do with fireworks? What is this night called?

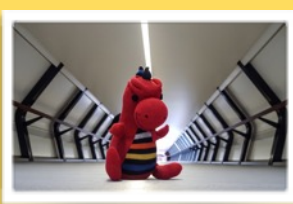
The humans of Great Britain associate this night with fireworks and effigies although their American friends associate the day of the 4<sup>th</sup> July with fireworks (4<sup>th</sup> July is when America celebrate getting independence from England in 1776).

I hear that the humans all around the world love fireworks but what are fireworks? (more later)

The date when the humans let off fireworks (which are very loud, rhythmic and beautiful) is the night of the 5<sup>th</sup> November.

The 5<sup>th</sup> November is called Bonfire Night (there is a rhyme for this which is at the bottom of the page).

A man called Robert Catesby who was the leader of the small group (known as plotters) felt that very bad action was needed, and he believed the right thing to do was to blow up the House of Parliament. If the plotters were successful they would kill the King (oh no!), perhaps the Prince of Wales (no!), and the Members of Parliament (shock). They felt that the King, the Prince of Wales and the Members of Parliament were making a percentage of the Britain human's lives difficult. The plotters were then called conspirators but today the humans would call them extremists / terrorists.



Guy Fawkes, who was part of the small group of plotters, is the man who in 1665 attempted to blow up the Houses of Parliament in London.

Guy Fawkes and his comrades were very unhappy with the King and the treatment of a percentage of the humans living in Great Britain. They believed the only way to stop it all was to blow up the Houses of Parliament, however, whilst working on the plot it soon became apparent that innocent humans would be hurt or killed and some of those humans were humans who did a lot for the humans who were not being treated nicely by the King and his Members of Parliament. This caused some of the humans to have doubts, so much so that one of the plotters sent an anonymous letter to his friend, the human Lord Montague, to not go to the Houses of Parliament on 5<sup>th</sup> November - but was this letter real? If it was real, then it is said that the letter was soon passed to the King who, with his forces, made plans to stop the conspirators.

On the evening of 5<sup>th</sup> November, Guy Fawkes and what was left of the group of small plotters ventured into the House of Parliament with 36 barrels of gunpowder (they were very big) which they carried down into the tunnels to the cellar just under the House of Lords and they set about creating the explosion. Did this explosion happen?

Guy Fawkes pulled out a match box, retrieved a match and struck it alight, he then proceeded to light the gunpowder but the human authorities stormed the Houses of Parliament and caught Guy Fawkes with the lit match, they captured him, then tortured him (scary) and then they executed him. The King's forces had successfully foiled the Gunpowder Plot and removed the human from the earth.

Soon the human population of London heard about the attempt on the King's life and on that very night that the

# Going to the zoo with Cookie Report

By: [@cookiemreport](#)

Hi everybody. As you all might know, me love to go to the zoo. Most of the time me share me stories on Instagram and on me own blog (<http://cookiereport.blogspot.com>). This time me even get to write for Pet's Mews. It so exciting. Me decided to tell you all more about visiting the zoo. Zoos are very necessary too in sustaining life for endangered species. They educate us and let us interact with the most beautiful wildlife you will not encounter every day. Me especially love to get up close and personal with the magnificent animals from land, ocean and sky. Me can recommend every plushie to visit a zoo with your human parents or friends. To make your day extra exciting and safe for you, your human and the animals, here are a few tips.



## 1. In case of getting lost...

Most zoos have a lost & found section, but when you do get separated from your human, make sure you are labelled or wearing a tag. You will get home much quicker! But it better to not wander off in your own. The zoo is so much more fun together.

## 2. Bring a little towel or cushion

Zoos can be dirty or wet. So to keep your bum out of the washing machine, bring a little towel and/or wear some clothes. You can sit and pose for pictures on a cushion, bag or the little towel.

## 3. Do not get stolen by animals

Yes, you read that right! Here in the Netherlands we have zoos with walk through habitats. You visit the habitat of monkeys, goats, birds of prey and such by walking through their home. That is awesome! Birds of prey (also during shows), goats and little monkeys are curious animals who happen to like plushies. Stay in a zippered up bag or

pocket so you are safe from their curiosity.

## 4. Make sure you sit in a safe place

When you pose at a zoo, make sure you do not fall into a habitat. Also, make sure you are not too close to fences. It for your own and the animals safety. Make sure someone holds you!

## 5. Take pictures with the animals

This me most fave part of going to the zoo: posing and interacting with the animals. Loads of zoo animals are really curious and want to meet you. Have patience, do not be afraid and sit still so the animals will come over to look at you. Let your human take pictures!

## 6. Watch the animals behaviour

Although posing and interacting is fun you must also keep in mind that the animal can see you as an intruder. When the animal acts agitated or scared, let your human pick you up and walk away. Posing or playing should be fun for both of you.

## 7. Pose with mascots and statues

If the animals do not want to play, there are always mascots or statues to pose with and make happy memories with!

## 8. Keep it clean

Garbage, food and other things zookeepers do not give their animals are dangerous for the animals. Please clean up after yourself. Sometimes bottles, zoo plans and other stuff can fall out buggy's and bags of other people. Be kind - pick

it up and throw it away - or take it to the lost & found.

## 9. Have fun and learn about the animals

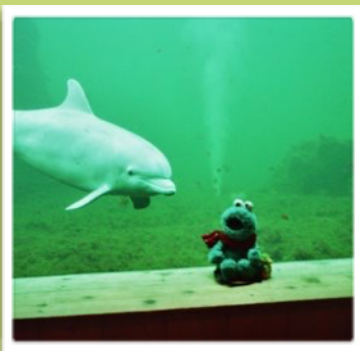
Most zoos have nice educational programs. There are signs, apps and books to read with extra info about the animals. But sometimes there are special behind the scenes tours and such. Take such a tour. You will look at the zoo with different eyes!

## 10. Buy a souvenir

Most zoos have their own wildlife foundations. By buying a souvenir you often help out saving animals or you help by providing for the zoo animals. That is why we love to adopt new friends.

Me hope you liked these tips. Let me know if you visit a zoo or have tips too. Me would love to hear about it.

Big hugs  
Cookie Monster  
[@cookiemreport](#)







# Take a Leaf Out of Their Books!



Your glorious autumn photos - a double-page spread



It's [@gerry\\_giraffe](#)'s favourite time of year!



Such an Owl-Tactic photo from [@owlventures](#)



"Don't you just love Autumn 🍁 ? ...  
No, not really and now I also know why they call it "Fall" says  
[@voyage\\_ofthe\\_beagle](#)



[@the\\_precociouspenguin](#) might be doing a spot of outdoor yoga here, what do you think?



[@minouchat\\_official](#) has come back with a bumper-crop!



Dexter the Squirrel  
[@metallyza\\_777](#) feels very Canadian in this photo



Another thing I love about fall...instant bear camouflage!  
[@chipinreallife](#)

## Call for Christmas & the New Year

Do you have a great Christmas story that you'd like to share? How about predictions for 2017? I know it's a little too early to start singing carols and getting the decorations out, but here at Pets' Mews, we like to plan ahead. The Christmas Special & New Year Issue will be out on the 11th December, and the deadline for submissions will be Wednesday 23rd November. So get thinking and get in touch with your ideas! You can DM us via Insta [@travelswithmycat](#), or send us an email: [tipsycatbose@gmail.com](mailto:tipsycatbose@gmail.com). Can't wait to hear from you. xxx

## Be part of something amazing!

@percybunnyrabbit and his best friend have had a great idea. They think it would be marvellous to have a Plushies' Travelling Art Exhibition which would celebrate Plushies, Soft Toys and Companions Worldwide.

The idea would be to host a series of exhibitions across the globe showcasing the artwork of Percy's Best Friend and other guests, to highlight the importance that plushies / soft toys have on their humans - both children and grown ups - alike.

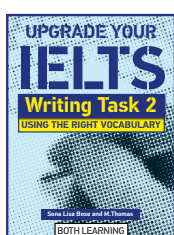
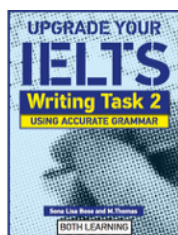
So, not only would we get the chance to do what we do best - pose and look cute and adorable, but it would be a way to, in part, raise funds for those children affected by war and to support Complex PTSD, anxiety and Depression both in children and adults.

There are lots of ways to get involved (from translating to hosting, to featuring), so please get in touch with Percy. xxx

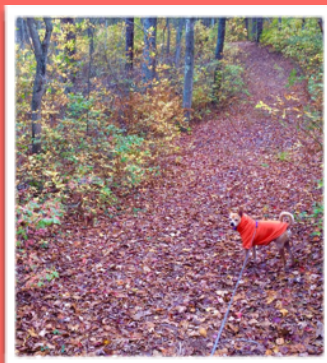


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## Here are more of your fab fall photos!



Someone said that Rescue pup, Rudy, @gnme\_rudy\_jennie looked like a pumpkin on a string! Smashing!

On an unseasonably warm October day, Gerda, @rlb417, takes the young ones out to play in the fallen leaves. Gerda's just come to the US from Germany. Did you know? She's Anneleise's sister who is the nanny @froschjule.



"I like autumn forest." says @traveler\_duck. The colours "are not like summer. It is interesting, fun and beautiful."

And here's @plushbubu Playing with autumn maple leaves 🍁🍁🍁

