

PETS' MEWS

The MewsPaper for Instagramming Pets, Plushies and their People

Ho Ho Ho. Merry Christmas!

Welcome to a very festive issue of Pets' Mews - and have we got a cracker of an issue in store for you! Who doesn't like a good Christmas story? In a Pets' Mews Exclusive, we've got a story to warm your heart - Hotte Lien [@furfrog](#) whose Daddy Pet, Stefan, [@christmannphoto](#) was Camera Assistant on everyone's favourite episode of the BBC's fantastic *Dynasties*, tells us all about how his Daddy Pet spent a year with the Emperor Penguins in the Antarctic (just get your tissues pawdy - you'll need them!) Then, we've got Flango [@pinkflango](#) and Teddy Tomek [@annapycha](#) giving us a glimpse into how two towns in different hemispheres get geared up for the big day. And, we've got a whizz round your festive fashion. See? I told you we had treats in store for you! Merry Christmas! Ps. Click [here](#) if you want to read this in Russian. [Нажмите здесь, если вы хотите прочитать это на русском языке](#)



Behind the scenes at Dynasties

by Hotte Lien @[furfrog](#)

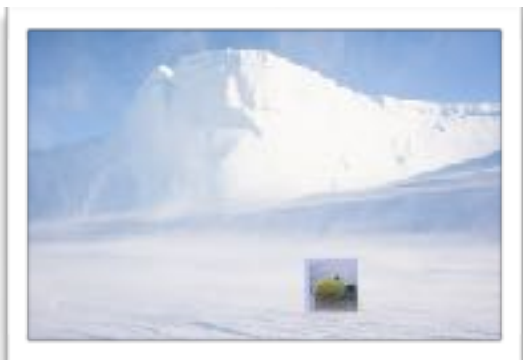


Have you ever wondered how amazing documentaries about animals (they are often as soft and fluffy as we are) are made? Yes? Then let me tell you a story about my dad and take you behind the scenes :-). My dad is a very strong, intelligent and brave man, but he is also a loving husband and father of eight furfrogs. But in order to make a documentary about penguins he had to leave us for one year and go to Antarctica.

Why such a long time? It's because of the weather conditions on the Antarctic continent. If you are there in winter (the winter there lasts for 9 months), you can't leave the continent and also nobody can enter the continent during this period of time. So it means I not only had to stay at home for safety reasons, but also couldn't visit him for such a long time.

You should know that my dad has a normal day job where he earns money to support me and my brothers and also money for him to pursue his dream. His dream is to be a full time photographer one day. So how did he get this exciting job in Antarctica even though he usually spends most of the time behind a desk? He's just passionate about photography and nature and has the gift to capture emotions in a picture. And of course you always need a little bit of luck to be seen by the right people at the right moment.

But back to the story about what I did in the year my dad spent in Antarctica. I just waited. Waited for hours and days and



weeks and months. And as if it wasn't enough, I also had to take care of my mom. This was the toughest part of the waiting. But luckily I met my IG plushie community and became a member of a boy band :-)

Even though I could speak to my dad on the phone, unfortunately I couldn't see him or hug him. I even couldn't hold his hand as he had to watch penguins die. I think this is the toughest part of the making of a nature documentary. I guess there were some tears involved and some very sad nights, but my dad never talks about it. And this is the reason why I wanted to talk about it. There are a lot of scenes that don't make it into the movie, but which definitely leave a trace in the heart of the people witnessing the moment. And a lot of the scenes aren't easy or fun.



So you may ask why do it then? Why on earth would one go to a place like this, leave your family behind for one year and see animals die? There is a purpose to all of that. The purpose is to show the world, how we change the climate and the world itself. The purpose is to catch these emotional moments so people will understand that in order to survive, a fluffy and cozy baby penguin needs a home -and this home is ice. And if we don't take care of our environment, one day the baby penguin won't be able to survive.

So next time, if you have the chance to do something for the environment, I hope you will see the grey and fluffy penguin baby and just go for it and do it.

With love from Hotte

And just here, to the right, you can see a little message from Hotte's daddy pet himself.





Plushies Build Bridges right around the globe. Find out how two plushies in two hemispheres prepare for Christmas! Meet Teddy Tomek in Poland and Flango in Chile.



Christmas in Gdańsk, Poland

by @annapycha

Hello Everyone,

We want to show you what happens in Gdańsk before Christmas. Big shops have got the best ornaments and trees. And look - here you can see view of the city and St. Mary's Church, one of the biggest in Poland and in Europe too!



The park in Gdańsk-Oliwa has got many light-figure like reindeers and sleighs. But, it's very difficult to take a photo without people! And at the Christmas market you can buy a lot of handicrafts and festive food from various parts of Poland.



The biggest Christmas tree stands in the city centre, and from here, you can also see the town hall and the monument of Neptune- the most popular place in our city.



And who's this in the photo below? It's me and Christmas tree!

*Merry Christmas
Everyone and a
Happy New Year
to all Plushie Friends.*

Mommy Anna and Teddy Tomek
[@annapycha](#)



Christmas in Santiago, Chile

by @pinkflango

Hello, plushies from the world.

I am very flattered to share with you some more things about the Christmas activities here in my country, Chile. The sweetest cat of Instagram, Miss Topsy has invited me to participate in this marvellous Christmas issue and I couldn't feel more flattered. My name is Flango. I am a pink two-year-old small flamingo who lives in Santiago, the capital of my country, Chile.

First, I want to mention that here in Santiago of Chile, located in the Southern hemisphere, we are far from celebrating a white and cold Christmas. On the contrary, Christmas is just in the middle of summer, with an average of 30 degrees Celsius (86 degrees Fahrenheit) during daytime, which is perfect for me since I enjoy hot and sunny weather. So, humans and plushies go shopping, drinking cold water, and in most cases, wearing a trendy hat and sunglasses. It is recommendable, then, to go to the shopping centres before midday if it is possible

Some of the most popular malls are Parque Arauco and Costanera Center. Many humans wait until the last minute to attend these places



and that is why they are always pretty crowded and they even extend their times and schedules so more humans and plushies can go and buy presents for their family and friends.

There are also a couple of neighbourhoods that are quite popular and traditional where some other humans and plushies prefer to go shopping not only for Christmas but for some other important holidays, such as Halloween, National Day and New Year.

I want to tell you a bit more about these colourful, typical Latin American places because I know that they are quite



unusual for most of you in your countries. One of these neighbourhoods (called "barrios") is called Barrio Meiggs, and it is located in Estación Central, an area near downtown full of different sorts of stores and stalls. There is also informal commerce going on in here, because even though it is not allowed, many people sell stuff right on the pavement or just on the streets. Another barrio that is popular is named Persa Bío Bío which is a kind of flea open market where you can get lots of unusual things going from Christmas decorations, food products, clothes, toys for children, second hand books and even pets! Yes! It is also forbidden to buy animals in these kinds of places but in Chile regulations are sometimes not followed by all Chileans... Anyway, the *persa* is a fun place to go window shopping around this time of year, the same as Barrio Meiggs.

For food, at Christmas time we have dinner with family at around 10 pm and we exchange and open our gifts at midnight exactly. I love this part of the celebration. If you are a good plushie, maybe you can get to see Santa Claus, who is called *Viejito Pascuero* in this part of the world.

I hope *Viejito* visits me this year, and all of you, of course, my dear friends.

So, if you ever come to Chile, please let me know so I can give you a tour of my city. I would be glad to do so.

Merry Christmas, everyone. I hope you can spend these lovely holidays with your humans and plushie brothers and sisters. Love you,

Flango



Festive Fashion

Need some inspiration for that festive frock? Who better to ask than the Queen of Canadian Plushie Style, @soophiebear!

Mummy bear says I can't wear it yet because it's not Christmas. That made me feel a little disappointed, but I am super excited for when I do get to wear it! I chose this dress because it is beary festive and shiny! It will match my gold shoes perfectly too! And I love polka dots.

And here (to the left) are my shoes in case you wanted a close up of those too!
Merry Christmas Bearyone!



And here's a quick peek at some other Christmassy outfits! To the left is @pooh.da.booh, I mean Santa. And then bottom left to right, in wonderfully jolly Christmas jumpers, we've got Stieffy, @michbtwind and Archie, @adventures_of_cheeky_and_pals. And lighting up the dark winter nights, is Huhni, @huhni_world.





Festive Fun

There are so many lovely hash browns for Christmas by our lovely creative friends. Here are just a few: [@furfrog](#) is doing his [#mychristmastreeiscoolerthanhottes](#), and for more tree-tastic treats, take a look at [@misterfish511](#)'s [digaligxmastrees2018](#) challenge. And if you haven't already, check out the beautiful messages behind the doors at [@lambearke](#)'s Advent calendar (above). You can see it by clicking [here](#). Of course, there are many more, so get involved, and share in the Plushie Christmas Spirit.

I also wanted to say a big thank you to all of you who purchased and downloaded the [Cuddly Friends' Guide to New York](#). We'll be making a little donation to [@lobilat](#)'s charity to help spread Plushie Cuddles. Thank you!



Last, but not least. I just wanted to say, to all you sweet friends, what a pleasure it is to put together Pets' Mews. Thank you for your amazing support in making Pets' Mews such a success by sharing your stories and photos with us, downloading, reading and sharing this Mewspaper. Of course, I couldn't do it without the amazing [@doyka_supercow](#) - thank you for your patience and sweet translations into Russian - I know so many of our Russian buddies really appreciate it. And to you dear [@altravelbunny](#), for your wit and dazzling Eye on Style Column.

[#plushiesbuildbridges](#) and the creativity, support, and fun the plushie community shares really embodies the Christmas Spirit. So, all that's left for me to say is, I wish you and your human pets a Very Merry Christmas, and a Wonderful New Year, filled with treats, fun adventures, and much less plastic!

With love, Topsy Cat and her Pets xxx