

# PETS' MEWS

The MewsPaper for Instagramming Pets, Plushies and their People



## Plushie Wilderness Wednesday by @traveling.nut

that it is happening all around the world not only in Honduras.

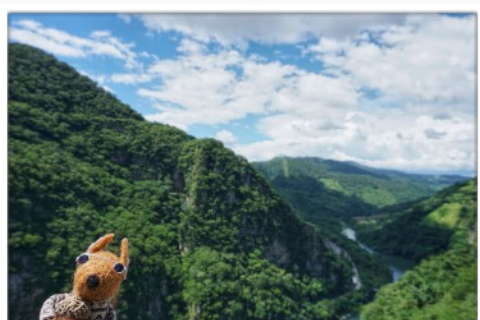
We're destroying our home and for us plushies being immortals, this should be a major concern, we have to take action now before it's too late, talk to your humans so they take action too.

Plushie friends let's start doing our part, if you have any doubts feel free to contact me and please let's keep the conversation going, with my friend @flyingwitholiver we're starting the Wilderness Wednesday encouraging everyone to post pictures where you're helping the earth either by recycling, picking up litter, planting a tree, taking care of your flowers, using reusables instead of single use plastic, composting, hugging a tree is up to you! You could use the hash browns #plushiewildernesswednesday #plushieawareness or #plushieadventurebag I'll see you on the gram.

Squirrel Hugs,  
Marcelo

My name is Marcelo Dun and I'm a small brown squirrel always ready for big adventures. Since 2018 I've lived in Honduras with my pet humans and pet dog, but I was born in the US, I knew something better was coming my way when I arrived in this beautiful green country.

Honduras is only 112,492 km<sup>2</sup> and I've getting to know it one paw at a time, always with perfect weather and mostly surrounded by nature, feeling so connected to the mountains, forests, rivers, beaches and much more; but, I started noticing something was out of place among such beauty: Garbage. Almost everywhere we go, we find garbage and now that I'm starting to become aware of the problem, I know



Hello Everyone,  
Happy April!

We hope you've had a great start to the year and having much less plastic in your life! But, even though we plushies are doing our bit, there's always a bit more we can do. So, it's time to get your gloves on your paws, and help clear up the rubbish with Marcelo (left).

Then, put your paws up and rest awhile and read all a hat-tactic tradition with Hope Bear. Plus, find out about how you can help sponsor little human pets to go to human pet camp when we all go to Camp Hoop La Ray. Don't forget, we're always on the look out for contributors, so feel free to get in touch if you have any fun photos, or great article ideas for us.

Love,  
Topsy Cat and her Pets xxx



Благодаря @doyka\_supercow газету Pets' Mews теперь можно читать на

# The Easter Bonnet

A Brief History and Update on the Traditional Fashion Piece

by: [@honeygrovebears](#)

The Easter tradition of dressing up in new clothing is an English tradition that dates back to at least Shakespearean times. As we can see in *Romeo and Juliet* in a retort from Mercutio to Benvolio, “Did thou fall out with a tailor for wearing his new doublet before Easter?” (in other words, you must have really annoyed your tailor to look so awful!) I about fell out of my chair when I read this in my research of the Easter Bonnet. I’m not sure I ever noticed that before.

During the Christian Lenten season, most wear drab coloured clothes as an outward sign of the “abstinence and humility” of the inward soul. THEN, comes Easter after 40 days of this season. As Easter is symbolic of a transformation and new life, people would begin to wear colourful outfits as an outward sign of this. Fresh flowers would be placed on hats to create a “new creation” or new hats would be bought and worn (as well as clothing).

In the States, this tradition gained popularity after the Civil War in the 1870/s, when women were ready to don more cheery clothes and accessories in exchange for the mourning colours of black and grey they had worn during the War. In 1933, Irving Berlin popularised the Easter bonnet in American Culture through writing a song, “Easter Parade”, a song inspired by the New York’s Easter pilgrimage from St. Patrick’s Cathedral to 5th Avenue. In the movie, by the same name of the song, Judy Garland sings the song to Fred Astaire. This movie caused this tradition to reach its peak in 1948. To this date, the 130 year traditional parade still happens in New York City, though not near as popular as it once was. On Easter, 49th



St - 57th St are closed for transport while approximately 33,000 people show up for the unorganised “parade”, donning their outlandish, whimsical, themed hats.

As a side note, I would like to tell you about the Broadway Cares/Equity Fights Aids Annual Easter Bonnet Competition. This started in 1987 and still is one of the biggest fundraisers the organisation has. Fifty-two theatrical productions participate beginning 6 weeks before the competition. They have donation buckets at their shows. Then, it all culminates with a production number by each troupe and they present their “Easter Bonnet” for competition. You can see highlights of past shows in the competition at [www.broadwaycares.org](http://www.broadwaycares.org).

Me personally, I think if new clothes and hats for Easter are still en Vogue for the UK Royal Family, then, it’s good enough for me. Post your photos to [#plushieeasterbonnetparade2019](#) and let’s have our own frivolity this Spring!

# Good Mews

#plushiesbuildbridges

Hey Y'all! Hope now has a GoFundMe set up to donate to! [Click here for the link.](#)

Here's what she said: "The campaign is called "Camp HoopLaHooRay 2019 FUNdraiser." I'm trying to raise funds to send a child to Summer Camp this summer. I thought since we plushies have attended Camp HoopLaHooRay going on 4 years now, it's time we give back and help a Special Needs, Chronically Ill or Handicapped child attend camp.

Camp Hoop La Hoo Ray Logo can be seen on GoFundMe Campaign and on Official Camp Swag

I'm giving money to the Texas Lions Camp who serves these children. The camp DOES NOT CHARGE the families for the week-long camp. So, they need our help to sponsor a kiddo. I'm raising \$1000 towards this cause and have til May 15, 2019 to do it. You can help by donating via the above link. No amount is too small to give, because it all adds up and we plushies can do anything together.

ANOTHER FUN THING I'M DOING TO RAISE MONEY IS....

\*drum roll please\* I'm putting together a CAMP KIT 2019! I will sell it for \$50 \*plus shipping\* (\$25 of the sale price will go to Texas Lions Camp). ONLY 30 KITS AVAILABLE UNTIL APRIL 16TH \*\* SO PRE-ORDER/PRE-PAY BEFORE THEN TO SECURE YOURS\*\* In this CAMP KIT will be: Custom plushie sized (size options) Camp HLHR Sleeping Bag (made by Bears Howse Mercantile) valued at \$16, Official Camp plushie sized (size options) HLHR T-shirt (made by Plushiewear ) valued at \$18, Official Camp Pennant, Official Camp Postcard created by @1elleM , Texas Lions Camp activity/souvenir, snacks and



miscellaneous camp supplies. AND YES! Camp t-shirts will be available solely on Plushiewear website if you just want a tshirt (check back there in mid-April) . Sleeping Bags will be available at Bears Howse Mercantile in mid-April.

WHEW!! I feel a snack attack coming on, so I'll sign off for now. Thanks again for being terrific friends. Great big Texas sized hugs from me to ya'll!"

## #PlushiePawmission

Here's a round up of what you lot have been up to. Thanks for using the hash brown. Keep on tagging us for a chance to be featured.

Left to right: @fluffys\_fun\_adventures has been ombulating in a colourful garden. @flying\_waddle is Tarzan. @misterfish511 has been telling jokes, wearing funny outfits, and raising money for Comic Relief. And @gasbricki has been celebrating Women's Day in style.

