

Pets' Mews



The MewsPaper for Instagramming Plushies, Pets, and their People

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HAPPY NOVEMBER!

by @travelswithmycat

Hello Everyone, we hope you are keeping well and can you believe it? It's November?! We hope you enjoy the latest issue of PM. Please get in touch with us and let us know if you have any great ideas for articles or stories to feature in a future issue. Lots of love, Topsy xx



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It's so natural: we protect our plants from frost, of course!



by: **Chilli & Teddy @gasbricki**

Now at the beginning of the cold season, it is time to talk about how to protect plants from frost. It's much easier than you might think. If there is a forest nearby, just take a walk and look for some fir branches (spruce or other kinds of coniferous wood are also possible). Maybe your local community offers you brushwood for free. Before you spend a huge amount of money in the garden centre or elsewhere, check the internet or ask the forest manager.

Just cover the flowers that need to overwinter on the balcony or in the garden with the branches. Be careful, if plants are NOT hardy, you cannot protect them from freezing unfortunately. But everything that is allowed to stay outside is happy when it is protected a little. See, we also like to have it cosy and cuddly in a blanket, right?

What's good about branches is that your plants do not have to do completely without light and water.

Another good aspect is that you can decorate the branches, so you don't just have a green pile to look at. For example, you can simply hang a few Christmas baubles and other waterproof ornaments on it, even fairy lights that are suitable for outdoors make your plant protection look prettier.

Some of you may have already seen our Christmas tree (last year), it was just made of branches. #reduceuserecycle, that is the theme.

With a little imagination, you can put a tree like this on the balcony, terrace, or garden without buying an overpriced Christmas tree. These trees are being cultured and felled and only serve us for a few days, after which most of them end up in the landfill. Oh, by the way, the trees don't have to end up like this as sheep are happy about your old Christmas trees, but they must be 100% free of decoration. Forgotten hooks or tinsel harm the animals. Talk to the shepherds and ask if you can hand over your tree there.

You can also simply put the disused tree in the garden (possibly tying it up). Birds and insects will be happy to find some sheltered spots in the cold season.

It is also possible to hang some tit dumplings on it, our feathered friends will love them.

If you do not have the opportunity to get cover brushes, protect your plants with fleece, which you can get in every garden centre, supermarket or at Amazon as soon as autumn begins.

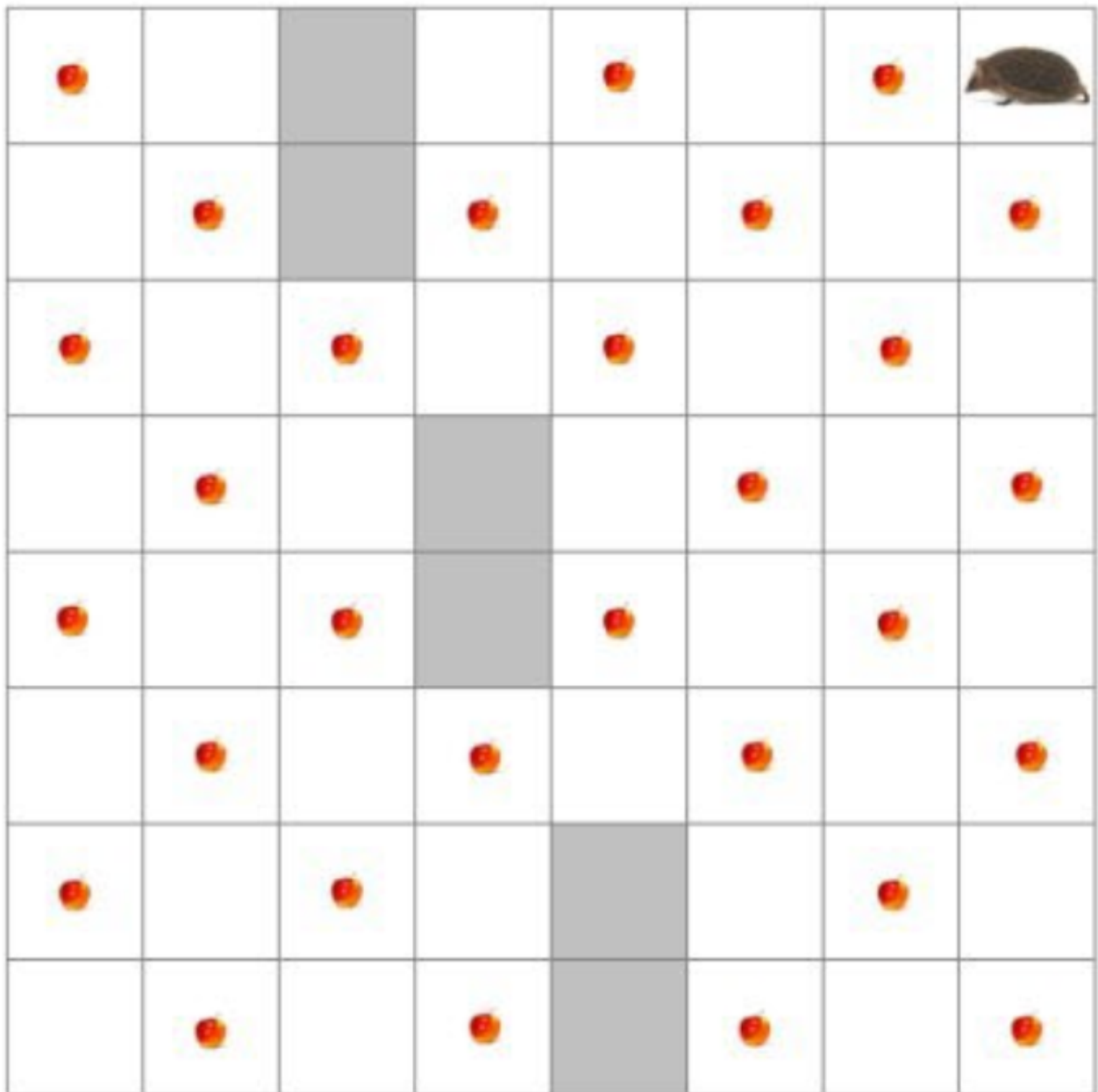
Get through the winter well,
your Chilli & Teddy @gasbricki



Quiz Time

by @doyka_and_hedge

Make a route for a hedgehog that will allow it to gather all apples without stepping on the same square twice and return to the original square. The hedgehog cannot step on the gray squares as well as move diagonally.



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Say it with a Song

by: @ausruheulen



November is the time when nature lays down to sleep and most parts of our lives take place inside our houses.

This month we dedicate the song “Milk and Toast and Honey” by “Roxette” to @mauseglueck and her big family of Maileg mice, rabbits, bears, pigs, cats, hedgehogs, rhinos, geese, deers and reindeers, lions, ducks, elephants, and foxes. They all are Plushigram’s HYGGE-specialists for rainy days. Just looking at their lovingly arranged photos showing chocolatier Jamie serving freshly baked cakes and hot chocolate while the mice are cuddling up together, will make you feel warm and cozy. Dear @mausgelueck, may this song “make it sunny for you on a rainy Saturday”. Pets’ Mews sends you warm Hygge Hugs and lots of Hygge Love!

The song that we dedicate to the whole plushie community is “Conversations in the dark” by John Legend and David Guetta. May there be someone who talks to you like that when you find yourself in the dark – the universal love surrounding you, your human, your plushie friends, ... or even yourself.

You can find both songs on our “Pets’ Mews Plushie Playlist”! “Pets’ Mews” is on Spotify! Find, follow and vibe with us!



Interesting words and phrases all over the world

by @doyka and hedge



Every language has its own interesting phrases that you will not meet anywhere else. Yes, you can find something similar to a phrase or a word in other languages but not word for word. Usually, these phrases/words have some cultural meaning or show how these nations developed with time. Today we picked for you five interesting phrases/words from different languages that you can find peculiar and put them on notice.

1. Froufrou (French)

It's rustling, especially of a woman's skirts. You gotta face it, the word sounds so cute and instantly evokes an image of rustling folds on a skirt, doesn't it? Great onomatopoeic word!

2. Cavoli riscaldati (Italian)

Literally it means "reheated cabbage" and denotes a pointless attempt to revive former love affair. This is a part of a longer Italian proverb: "cavoli riscaldati né amore ritornato non fu mai buono" (neither reheated cabbage nor revived love is ever any good). Really, reheated cabbage? Yuck!

3. Yolki-palki (Russian)

This is a peculiar Russian phrase that can express dismay, happiness, surprise, disappointment etc. depending on the situation. Literally it means "fir trees and sticks". Why did Russians pick these items to express their emotions? Who knows? It's as unclear as why you say "Holy cow" in English to express almost the same emotions.

4. Weltschmerz (German)

This word consists of two parts – Welt (world) and Schmerz (pain). So, according to Germans, not only your head, back, teeth etc. can ache, the whole world can feel pain too. In its broadest meaning, the word means "world-weariness" but it can also be used to denote pain that leaves you numb.

5. Shibui (Japanese)

This word denotes a beauty that shows through with time only. We gain traces of life's experience as we get older but at the same time, we become more beautiful and wiser. The word can be used to describe almost anything – from person to a house or even an old tree.



Book Review: All the Lonely People – Mike Gayle (2021)

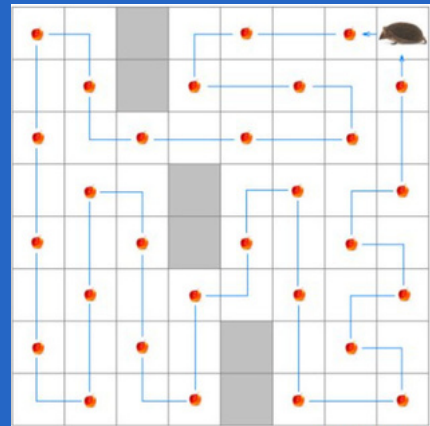
by: @spybatmissions



Hubert Bird is a retired widower, living alone in his big house in England. Once a week, he talks with his daughter, who lives in Australia, on the phone. He doesn't want to bother her with the fact that he is very lonely, and therefore tells her made-up tales about his busy social life with close friends. It all goes well, until the daughter decides to come home for a visit. Hubert must now try to make his real life more like the fake one, before the daughter can discover the sad truth. Things do not go as Hubert plans, but his life does get better in many ways.

This is definitely not your average feelgood novel, but it sure does make you feel good! It's about friendship and finding a reason to live even when things are tough. You get close to Hubert and the other characters and looking at life through their point of view could very possibly make your life a little bit better too!

Answer to Quiz



**This issue is in loving memory of
@desiree_elselina_cpk's lovely mommy.**

