

Pets' Mews



The NewsPaper for Instagramming Plushies, Pets, and their People

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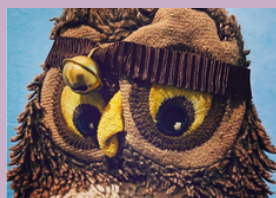


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HELLO FRIENDS

by [@travelswithmycat](#)

Hello Everyone,
We hope you and your human pets and animal pets are all well. We have a lot in our spring issue of PM for you. Most exciting, is that we have a brand new regular feature by your favourite brain eating alien. To be interviewed (and hopefully not get your brain eaten), please contact [Fluffy](#) and read more inside. There's also a great article on crafting, recycling, and books to keep you happily reading for spring and if you have some books you'd like to tell everyone about, please get in touch with [Spybat](#).
Big hugs, from everyone at Pets' Mews xxx



PET'S MEWS IN GERMAN AND RUSSIAN WILL RETURN SOON!





Strange New Planet

by fluffys fun adventures and @gasbricki

Fluffy: "Dear reader of Pets Mews! I'm happy to introduce a new series we've been working hard on since we came up with it five minutes ago! I will be your intrepid reporter, here to explore this strange new planet, introduce you to interesting places, bizarre customs and the plushies who will explain them to us!"

In this month's issue, I'm interviewing @gasbricki about this strange place they are from. And I promise, it is stranger than the Flat Mars festival, it's stranger than dinosaur hunting on Uranus! He's from Schwaben! I don't even know how to pronounce that! S-k-a-bb-i-n... sounds about right!

So, for people who don't know, Schwaben is a part of Germany. It is best known for Black Forest cake, which got its name from the Black Forest, which got its name from the fact that all trees there are black! This happened when Bob Ross brought it to life but ran out of green paint in the process! That's also why black forest cake is black! But it's a common misconception that it's made out of trees!

But anyway, I'm here to introduce you to something even more unique that shows you how sweet people here are! They dedicated a whole week to caring! This Schwäbisch tradition is called the Kehrwoche! And here to tell me more about it are my dear friends @gasbricki!"

C&T: "To be honest... we are not from the Bavarian Schwaben. We are from Kingdom of Württemberg Schwaben."

Fluffy: "Well, Schwaben... Schwaben, potayto, potaaato! So why do you have a specific week for caring? Do people in Schwaben not care about anything for the rest of the year?"

Chilli: "People in Schwaben care about many things for the whole year. We wash our cars on Saturday, humans take a bath on Friday, farmers market is Wednesday & Saturday. We always keep an eye on our neighbourhood, and we care about our bank account."

Fluffy: "You have a bath day?! The horror!!! They didn't print those in the tourism ads I didn't read!" 🤖

Chilli: "It's not obligatory for plushies, don't worry! The only thing that really needs to be clean here in Schwaben is our common staircases."

Teddy: "Yes, but the staircase is something like the orphaned child (spawn of hell), and the residents are the foster families. If a Kehrwoche is not scheduled, no one never ever would take care of the staircase by their own free will."

Fluffy: "So you care about staircases for exactly one week? That's odd! Why don't you care about poor hungry aliens for a week and give them food?"



Chilli: "No no no... we kehr (sweep) the staircase!"

Teddy: "And we give food to aliens all the time, see you're eating our neighbour's brains right now!"

Fluffy: "Oh... hahaha, right! Thanks for your hospitality by the way! You guys are lovely!"

Teddy: "You're welcome. We care about our guests almost as much as we care about rules!"

Fluffy: "Rules?!"

Chilli: "Of course sweeping in Schwaben needs to follow rules! It's an exact science how to clean a staircase! We have specialised tools for that... let me show you!"

Teddy: "Here you can see us with our Kuddrschaufl & Kehrwisch!"

Chilli: "Dustpan & brush set."

Fluffy: "I'm bored, I don't care at all about caring about kehren... can I have more brains?"

Chilli: "More? You left half of your snack on the floor! What a mess!"

Fluffy: "Sorry, I'm a bit of a messy eater..." 😊

Chilli: "Luckily we have our dustpan and brush set right here!"

Teddy: "Sometimes we use an Mobb and Lomba, too."

Chilli: "Mop & rag."

Teddy: "Ragman?? The horror movie with Gene Simmons and Ozzy Osbourne?"

Chilli: "Oh Teddy That's just the German title, original is Trick or Treat. But it has nothing to do with the Kehrwoche."

Teddy: "Kehrwoche is like a horror movie. Just look at us."

Chilli: "Hahaha, there's some truth in that! Wait... where did Fluffy go?"

Teddy: "Maybe he already started cleaning?"

Chilli: "He said something about wanting more brains! Let's better check on him before a makes another mess!"

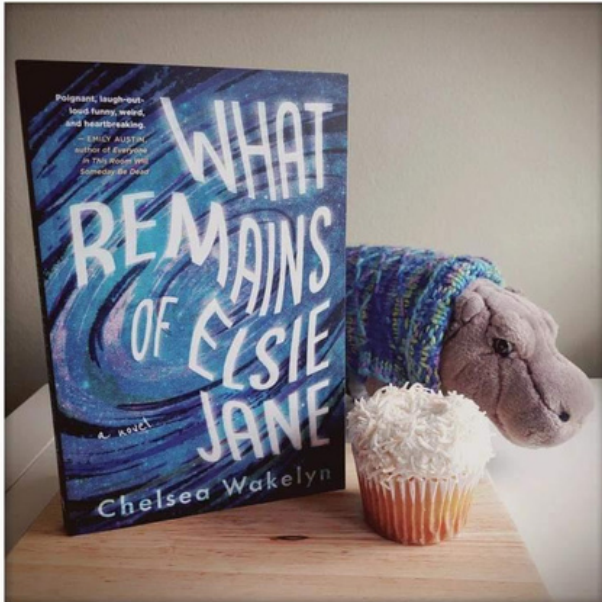
Teddy: "Well, luckily we already have our dustpan and brush set right here..."



Editorial Note: If you want to be part of the next issue of *Pets' Mews* and tell our favourite alien reporter about an interesting place or tradition in your country, please contact [@fluffys_fun_adventures](https://www.instagram.com/fluffys_fun_adventures) on Instagram

Spring Reading

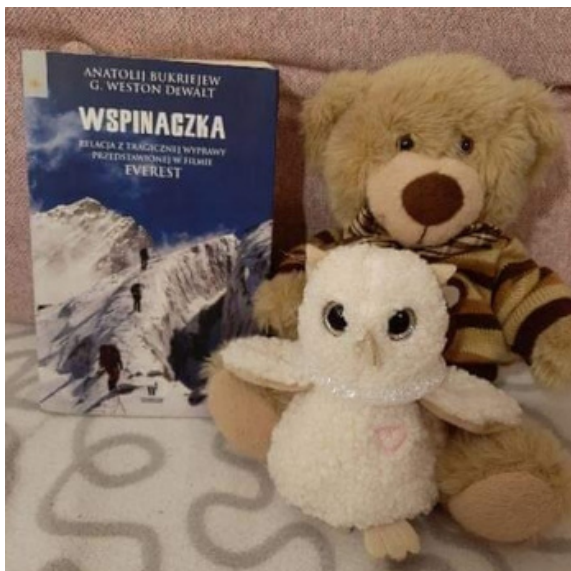
by [@spybatmissions](#), [@hemmy_reads](#), [@annapycha](#)



What remains of Elsie Jane - Chelsea Wakelyn (2023)

What Remains of Elsie Jane by Chelsea Wakelyn is a weird and wonderful book about a woman who has suddenly lost her partner and now finds herself a single mother of two. As the year unfolds, she develops an obsession with a local murder mystery, attends a series of disastrous internet dates in search of a "replacement soul mate," and solicits a spacetime wizard via Craigslist, convinced he will help her forge a path through the cosmos back to Sam. Despite the heavy subject matter, I binged this book in one day. It's a thoughtful, well-written read that I highly recommend to anyone looking for a book that will make you laugh and cry.

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The Climb: Tragic Ambitions on Everest - Anatoly Bukreev, G. Weston DeWalt (1997)

Today we would like to introduce you to a book based on facts. Even if you are not a mountain fan, we highly recommend this book. One of the authors of this story is Anatoly Bukreyev - a climber and Himalayan mountaineer, the conqueror of ten eight-thousanders, who took part in the story described in the book from his point of view.

In May 1996 (that is, at a time when commercial expeditions to the summit of Mount Everest were just beginning) a terrible tragedy happened. Some considered Anatoly a hero who saved the lives of several people, while others considered him a coward and guilty of this tragedy. No matter what was said about him, only he knows how much this trip cost him.

Based on this story, the movie "Everest" was made, in which the main roles were played by Jason Clarke (real character is Rob Hall) and Jake Gyllenhaal (real character is Scott Fischer), i.e. two expedition guides. We shed many tears during the screening of the film.

Highly recommended if you want to read a true story. It should be remembered that Mount Everest is still one of the most dangerous mountains in the world, on the top of which many climbers die every year.

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Spring Reading

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Lessons in Chemistry - Bonnie Garmus (2022)

California in the 1960's. Elizabeth Zott is a chemist. A very good one too. But the male-dominated institution where she works doesn't want to see the worth of her work. When she meets the star of the institution, fellow chemist Calvin Evans, things change. He sees her for what she is and what her mind can do, and they become an unlikely but very happy couple. But then Elizabeth suddenly finds herself in an entirely different situation. In order to provide for her daughter, she has to accept a job as a chef at a tv cooking show. But she won't do it unless it's in her own special way, and it turns in to a show like no other.

The story is told from several perspectives, including from Elizabeth's dog's point of view. It's a story that will upset you with all injustice for women at this time, but it's also the most heartwarming and funny story we've read in a long time.

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Do you love **READING** ?

Would you like to write a review so that you can share your book finds with other plushies? If so, please get in touch with [@spybatmissions](#) and you can feature in our next issue of Pets' Mews!



Springtime is near! Let's make a blossom tree!

by @[cookiemreport](#)



Hi everybody. Springtime is near and Bamboo has been checking out the garden for a few days now, because little fresh leaves are starting to show! How awesome is that? Bamboo and me love love love the blossom trees and me felt soooo lucky me got to see the Almond blossoms by Vincent van Gogh in February, that is inspired me to do something with it. So... we thought that it would be nice to share a nice Springtime craft you can make with all your friends!



What you need:

- Paper in different colours
- Crayons, felt-tips or coloured pencils
- Scissors (NO RUNNING)
- Glue (no get it into your fur)
- Anything you like to use

It an easy peasy one to bring some Spring into your home. You just take a piece of paper and you draw a tree. Very simple, you decide where it lives you can no make any mistake (the great Bob Ross said it himself). You can also choose – à la van Gogh – to only draw a single branch. Give the tree some branches, but do not draw any leafs or blossoms on it.





Step 2: decide if you want to cut and glue or draw your blossoms. We decided to cut and glue. Just cut out some flowers of flower petals and make a whole bunch of them. And then you glue them on the branches of your tree. You can use green for leaves as well. Or maybe you want an autumn branch, then you use yellows and reds and oranges! Just use your imagination and make sure it is totally your tree.

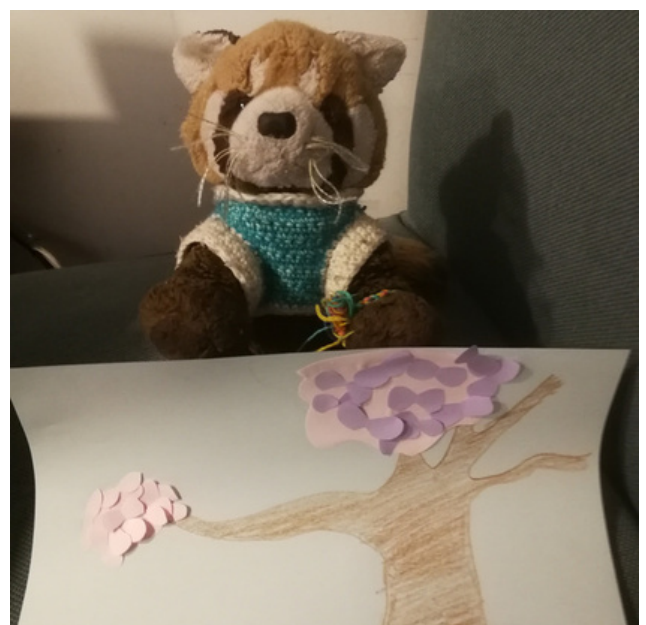
Instead of paper you can use yarn, pipe cleaners, paint, paperclips, foil, fabrics and lots of other stuff. Just have fun with it!

Also fun with the human family: use an ink cushion and stamp fingerprints around the branches so you get a very personal tree.

Well there you have it, some ideas to bring a little spring into your home.

Have fun with it!

Big hugs,
Cookie & Bamboo



REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE

by_gasbricki



Hello everyone,

Today we would like to introduce you to our reusable screw caps, or are we just advertising a vegan product that is somehow a part of our homeland?

Reusable packaging is good for nature

We like to drink a smoothie every now and then, but we also try to pay attention to our CO2 paw print. Regional, short distances, reusable... we can all do something to protect our nature and resources.

That's why we chose 'True Fruits'.

- * They come in different flavours and pack sizes.
- * All bottles are made of glass, which means we can reuse them for anything
- * You can clean the bottles in the dishwasher, which is a real advantage

Everything is bottled in Baden-Württemberg. More precisely, right in the neighbouring village ☺ You can't get any closer to the product .

And since it is very important to many, they are vegan! Unfortunately, no bananas or mangoes grow in Germany, but even small steps lead to success at some point.

But what makes TF even more attractive are the various attachments that can be purchased in the online shop.

Available are, for example, soap dispensers, tea strainers, sprayers, drinking attachments, spice grinders and even ashtrays.

For now, we decided to go with the regular screw caps. They are made of stainless steel, can be easily cleaned and will hopefully last a lifetime.

This makes it easy for us to store our homemade juice or smoothie.

And when we go to the milk filling station, we always have one of our bottles at our paws.

Glass has the advantage of being tasteless, you can store pretty much anything in the bottles. Flour, sugar, muesli, soup or even soap and glitter.

NB: the post contains (unpaid) advertising!

