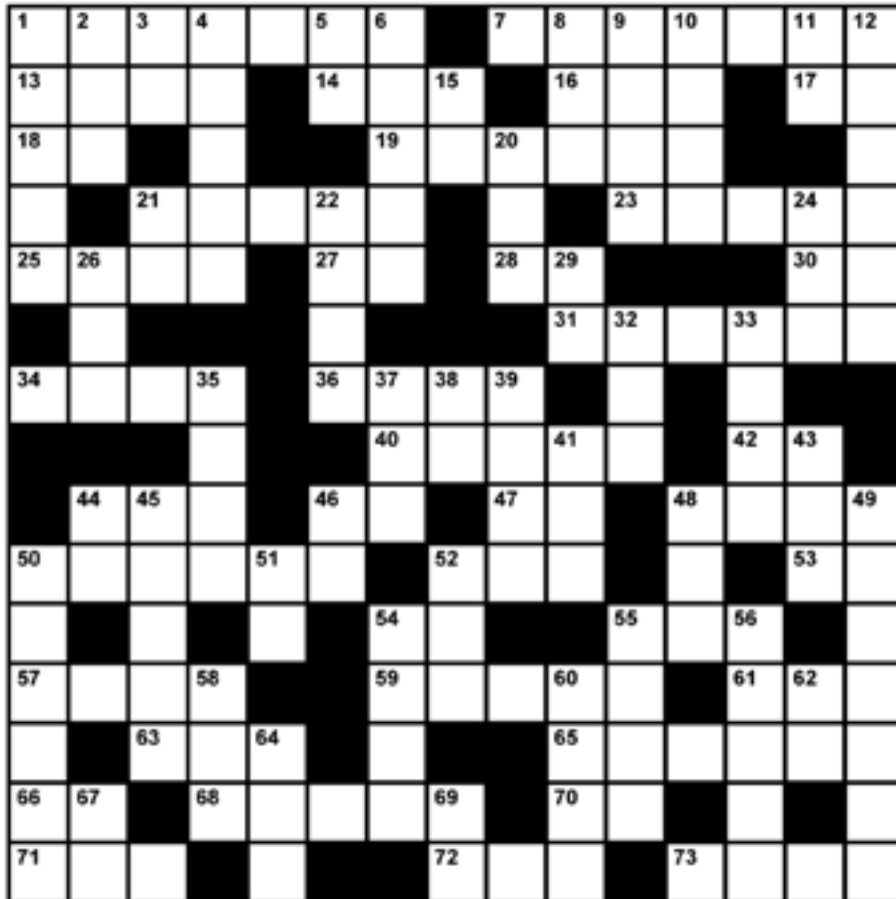


# Off Leash

## Is "Bird" the Word?

### No, but there are animals all over this puzzle

Good with trivia? Have an encyclopedic memory for obscure tidbits of knowledge? Then you're going to enjoy this issue's Off Leash. We always try to bring you something a little different in this space, so we thought we'd try an animal-themed crossword puzzle. If you're a longtime reader of *Animal Sheltering*, you'll have a definite advantage here. The solution is online at [animalsheltering.org/crossword](http://animalsheltering.org/crossword). Good luck!



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#### ACROSS

1. As Sarah Palin noted, lipstick is the difference between this dog and a soccer mom (2 words)\*
7. Like some animals' ears (and some humans' pants)\*
13. "Back in the \_\_\_\_" by the Fab Four
14. Musical notes' segment
16. A dog's picks up higher frequencies\*
17. Behold's partner
18. Nighttime
19. This pioneer of nonviolent resistance said that the greatness of a nation can be judged by how its animals are treated\*
21. \_\_\_\_ Haggard, famous country singer
23. Eskimo boat
25. Dogs like a big one to explore\*
27. Clinton state (abbr.)
28. Letter afterthought
30. Electrical giant
31. Got a goal
34. It's a beneficial veterinary surgery, not a card suit\*

36. In the comic strip MUTTS, this is Mooch's little pink toy of choice\*
40. "Until there are none, \_\_\_\_ one" is a popular shelter slogan\*
42. Stomach muscle
44. Attorneys' org
46. McKinley, for example
47. Northwestern University, for short
48. In 2008, the state of California passed a ballot initiative to reduce the suffering of farm animals. The bill was known as \_\_\_\_ 2\*
50. \_\_\_\_ eye, a "fruity" ocular problem common in bulldogs, cocker spaniels, and beagles\*
52. It came before the chicken, maybe\*
53. College degree
54. That hurts!
55. Miss Piggy's "Me?"\*
57. \_\_\_\_ morphs, the animal order that includes rabbits, hares, and pikas\*
59. *Animal Sheltering* used to be called *Shelter* \_\_\_\_\*

61. It's good to have one in the hole
63. Rabbit dietary staple\*
65. Of the "Five Freedoms," number four is the freedom to express \_\_\_\_ behaviors\*
66. Firm, for short
68. Synthetic fabric
70. \_\_\_\_, shucks!
71. The scientific term for the surgery that removes the first bone of a cat's toe: \_\_\_\_ chectomy\*
72. In *Babe*, the main character wanted to herd sheep. There was just one problem: he was a \_\_\_\_\*
73. All shelter cats need space to lie down, stretch out, and a box or cubby where they can \_\_\_\_\*

#### Down

1. These mass dog-breeding facilities are known for neglecting their animals: \_\_\_\_ mills\*
2. This suffix follows doctrines, causes, and theories
3. Poet Eliot's initials
4. \_\_\_\_-specific legislation punishes a type of animal, rather than focusing on specific, individual behavior\*
5. Weight measurement
6. Beer type
8. Clifford's color\*
9. Hawaiian island
10. Stiffly neat
11. \_\_\_\_ Capitan
12. Like some tails (or boats)\*
15. Sun god
20. "Nepeta" is more commonly known as cat \_\_\_\_\*
21. Smith or Bojangles title
22. Retrievers\*
24. To get a dog's physical \_\_\_\_, multiply his years by seven.\*
26. Electrical measurement
29. Federal I.D. number
32. According to Abraham de Lacey Giuseppe Casey Thomas O'Malley, everybody wants to be a \_\_\_\_\*
33. The \_\_\_\_ of the crowd
35. Fiscal time period
37. Horse fodder\*
38. Why buy a \_\_\_\_ when you can just download the album?
39. This beehive-shaped rubber object provides great stress-relief for kenneled dogs\*
41. Toy dog breed with a wrinkly face and a medium-small body\*
43. This Barker often plugged spay/neuter during his popular TV game show\*
44. Expression of understanding
45. The founder of the ASPCA, one of his earliest interventions was on behalf of a beaten carriage horse in the streets of New York City\*
46. Oh \_\_\_\_ word!
48. Expert
49. President and CEO of The HSUS, he's been a vegan since age 19\*
50. Almost all of these cats are female\*
51. E-mail subject line intro
52. Female sheep\*
54. Norway's capital
55. Feline greeting\*
56. In poetry, metrical feet
58. Boating equipment
60. Fabric tear
62. This nutrient builds strong bones (abbr.)
64. Little pooch bark\*
67. Light switch option
69. Nurse practitioner, for short

\* animal-themed