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Poll: Most People Say They, Pets Understand Each Other

Sixty-seven percent of pet owners say they understand their animals' woofs, meows or other sounds, including 18 percent who say they comprehend completely, according to an Associated Press-Petside.com poll released Wednesday. In a finding many parents of teenagers would no doubt envy, 62 percent of pet owners say that when they speak, their critter gets the message, the Associated Press reports.

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Australian Pet Ambulance Finds Growing Niche

When veterinary nurse Niccole George heard the sobs on the phone, she felt incapable of doing her job because the collapsed Great Dane's owner was too frail to bring the animal to her. That was the phone call that inspired George and her partner Gareth O'Connor to start PetMedics, a 24-hour pet ambulance service for pet owners unable to get their animals to help when an emergency arises, Agence France-Presse reports.

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For mystery book fans who are looking for some holiday ho-ho-ho's, the titles alone of new books like "Santa Clawed" should suffice, USA Today reports.

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