

How to make cats get along?

Dear Annie: My friend Jess and I recently moved into a three-bedroom apartment together. We each have one cat. We knew it would be challenging to integrate the cats at first, but we figured that it wouldn't be too difficult in such a spacious place. Boy were we wrong. Every night is fight night for these cats. I wake up several times a night to them body slamming each other, from the sound of it. I can't tell if they're fighting or just roughhouse playing, but it doesn't sound good. I get out of bed to detach them; two hours later we repeat the whole scene. Jess and I have tried separating them at night, but our place is carpeted and when we shut the doors the cats start trying to dig trenches underneath. We don't want them destroying the carpet of our rental. We're locked into our lease for another nine months — and moving is such a pain that I'd hate to have to move again, even after our lease is up. Do you or your readers have any tips for mak-

ing cats get along? The sleepless nights are starting to catch up with me. — *Tired of the Night Prowls*

Dear Tired: A harmonious multicat household starts with preparation: keeping the cats in separate rooms and slowly introducing them to each other via scent by exchanging blankets that they sleep on, for instance. But there's no use mewing over spilled milk. I'd recommend using a feline pheromone diffuser, such as Feliway, to foster a more relaxed environment for the cats. Install several throughout the apartment for best results. Also, be sure there are ample feline facilities: Vets often recommend one litter box per cat plus one more, so you should have three. And, of course, play with them and be sure they get lots of exercise. Do everything you can during the day to tucker the little tigers out for the night. If I hear any ace tips from readers, I'll be sure to print them here.

Dear Annie: Every year

when Easter comes around, many well-meaning people purchase adorable bunnies for their children.

I have two rabbits I adore. However a huge amount of work is required for these pets, and I wanted to share some of my tips and warnings.

1) Rabbits are constantly chewing on furniture, cutting wires, etc. A room that is "rabbit-proofed" is needed for everyone's safety.

2) A good-sized cage is needed, but also give the rabbit some free time to run around outside of the cage every day, too. I let mine run around free about five hours a day.

3) Most rabbits can be trained to use a litter box, but it is normal for them to leave "pellets" on the floor that are easy to clean up.

4) They need to eat hay all day so their intestinal systems run properly. I give my bunnies rabbit kibble twice a day and vegetables twice a day as well.

5) Litter should be changed twice a day. — *Mrs. Roberta F.*

Dear Mrs. Roberta: These are all great and timely tips.

TOMORROW'S HOROSCOPE

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). What people think they deserve is a tricky equation weighted by what they've had in the past, and what everyone around is getting. Don't worry about it. Give equally. It's all you can do now.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Cleaning, going through old text, emails and pictures and other ways of clearing the decks are favored today. You'll be surprised by the memories that come up and by the feelings attached to them.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You don't really have to develop your uniqueness so much as discover, understand and accept it. That's why you need other people. Today, they'll provide the contrast that helps you see yourself better.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You're not one person doing one thing. You're a bundle. Everyone is a bundle. You'll look at all your attached "items" and think of ways to make this bundle more enticing to everyone, especially you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your answer will not come from digging down into the question at hand. It's something that has already worked in another area of life entirely or perhaps a different business or discipline. So don't go deep; go broad.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Maturity has its ups and downs. You'll walk a fine line between "older and wiser" and "tired and jaded." Staying in the first category is a matter of good self-care including and especially sleep.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). It's funny how you can like how a person looks, acts and talks and yet still not hit it off. Sometimes the opposite is true. You seem to click with someone who doesn't represent your preferences at all. This is

the power of chemistry.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You've had the same goal for a while now and not attaining it is getting really old. So, what needs to change? It's either the goal or the plan. An outsider's view will help in the matter.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Most of the time unrealistic expectations cause disappointment. But an unrealistic expectation can also change everything. So don't discount the power of dreaming the impossible dream.

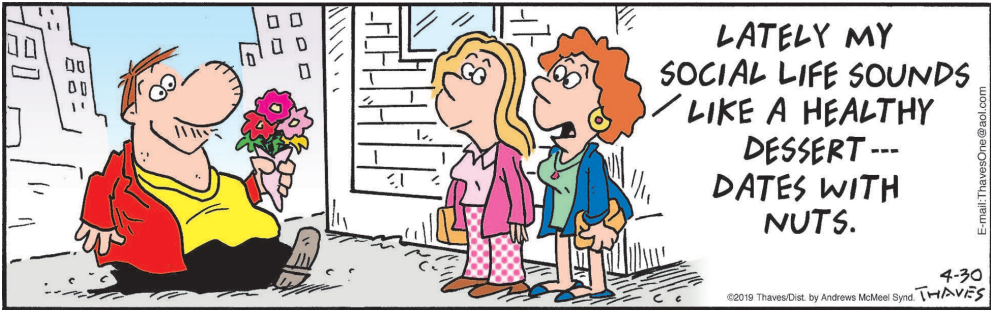
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Most people would rather hear praise than criticism, but not you. You understand the intrinsic value in complaint. You see the opportunity to get better. No one gets better by lavishing in compliments.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). For the longer journeys, it's important to build in rest and recovery time as well as the introduction of novelty and, of course, adversity. If there's an enemy to defeat, everyone will work harder.

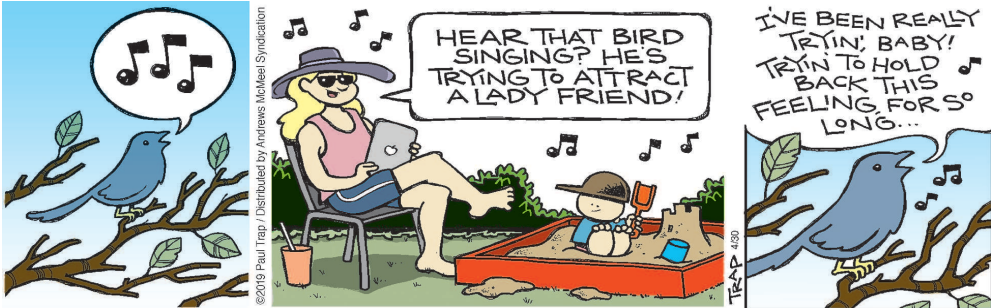
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). It's natural to move through various interests and projects on the way to finding *your thing*. For now, be more concerned with filling up your wells of inspiration than with sticking with one interest.

TOMORROW'S BIRTHDAY (May 1). You're not fearless, but this year you'll get much more comfortable with fear as you take the risks necessary to go for the life you really want. You can do this. A new position in June helps you make friends and find allies. Move forward in faith that reinforcements will arrive on the scene when you need them. Sagittarius and Leo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 22, 10, 50 and 1.

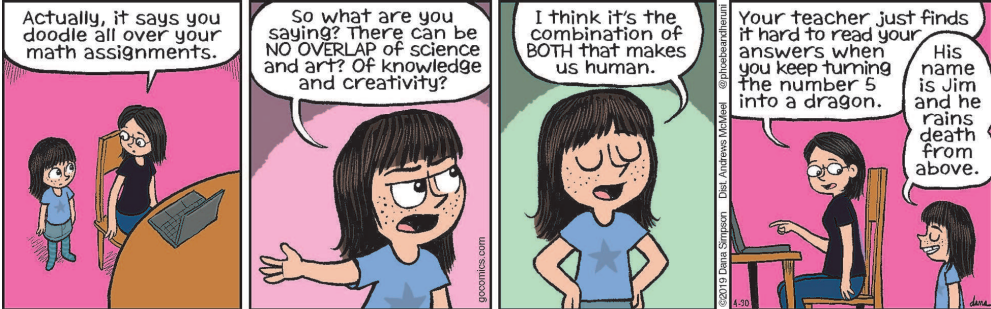
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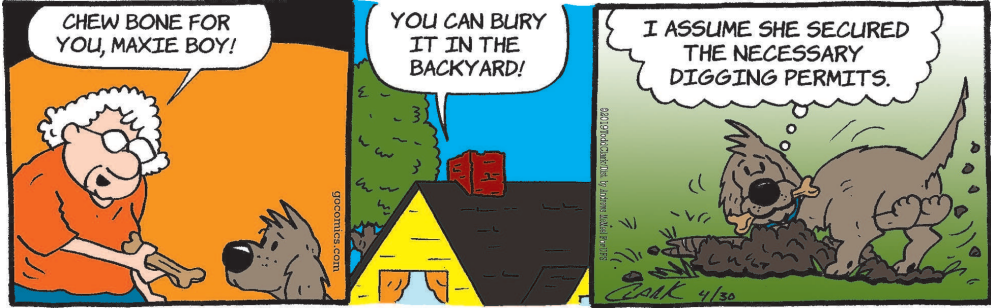
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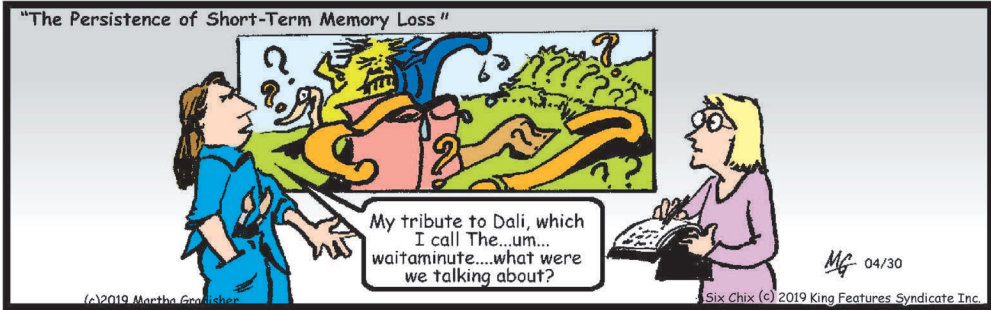
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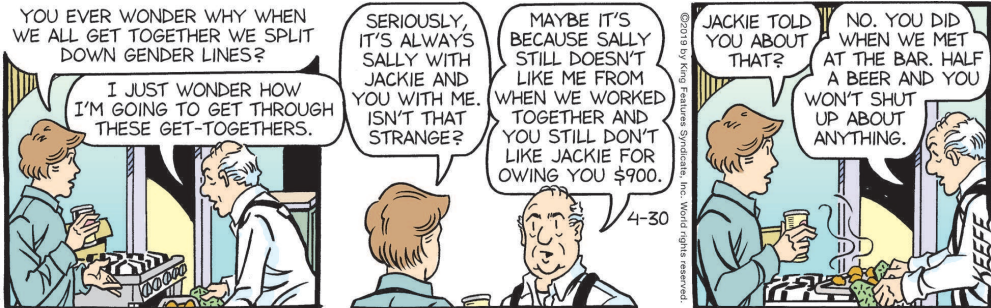
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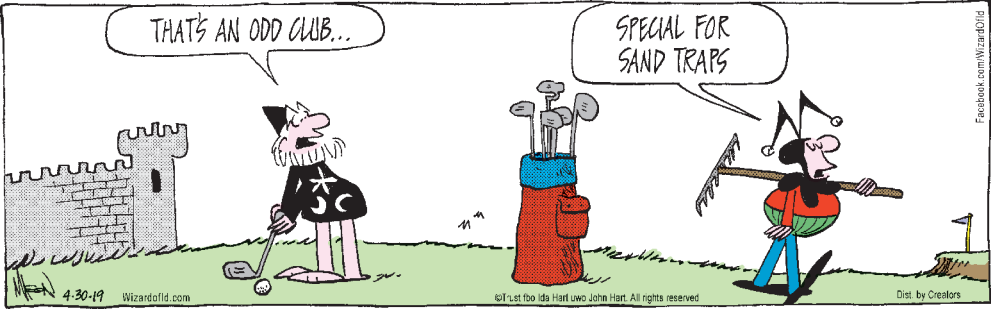
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