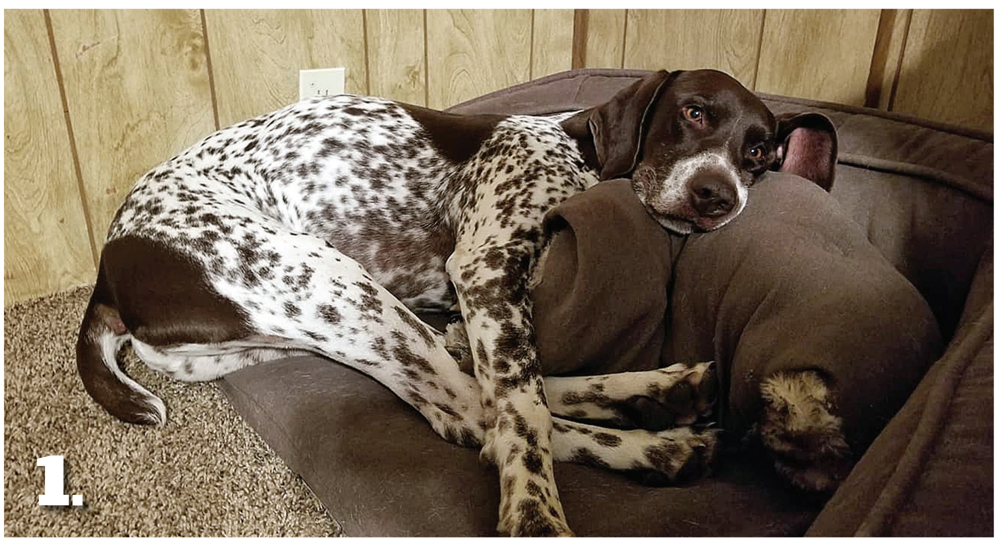
# PEOPLE PAWS-ITIVELY LOVE THEIR POOCHES

Man's (and woman's) best friend took center stage earlier this week as Monday, Aug. 26 was National Dog Day. Local readers provided photos and shared details about what makes their furry friends so special.

A special shout-out to Katrina Ortiz of Hermiston, who shared about Mason, a German shorthaired pointer. Her 5-year-old pooch went missing in April and she hasn't given up hope of finding Mason.

"He was not just a dog, he was a member of the family," Ortiz said.

National Dog Day, which was started in 2004 by Colleen Paige, celebrates all breeds — purebreds and mutts. It honors family dogs and working dogs that give selflessly to save lives, keep people safe and provide comfort and companionship. Paige chose the date to coincide with the anniversary of when her family adopted their first dog.



Contributed photos

**1) Mason, 5, a beloved German shorthaired pointer, disappeared from his Hermiston home in April. Katrina Ortiz is still hopeful that he will return. 2) Tank, who is a little more than a year old, is a pit bull. Alicia Rogers said her 70-pound hunk is the most spoiled child she has. She loves his personality traits and said Tank is the biggest baby. 3) Jax, a 3-year-old German shepherd, is Cassie Greene's best friend. In addition to his sweet nature, he's also protective of his pack. Jax likes to go camping and visit his cousins in Hermiston. "His personality and ears make him extra special," Greene said. 4) Lindsey Burns said her son, Baird, has a best friend in Yerry, a Corgi. The 9-year-old pooch, who is owned by Burns' parents, loves to lick Baird's face and go for wagon rides with him. 5) Alvin is a mixed breed dog that was rescued last August in Stanfield. Due to his level of fearfulness, he was unable to be adopted. However, Robin Barker of Fuzz Ball Animal Rescue said Alvin chills at her Hermiston home and provides comfort to foster dogs and cats in her care. 6) Drake, a 12-week-old, recently joined the Morris pack in Umatilla. 7) A 7-month-old bloodhound, Daisy has found a best friend in her human sister, Charly. Mama Britiany Jemmett said Daisy follows the baby wherever she goes and is the first one there when Charly cries. 8) Kandi Girl, a 1-year-old American Bully, is a special part of the McDaniel household. "She's not just a dog she's family," said Amber McDaniel.**

## CRYPTOQUIP

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: **T** equals **F**

BX RAJJX ZEIGJ BG CT C
FVAYJ MV YVVICDM TVS
QOCDME FCQO OCB, RAQ C
EZCJ "EGGI TVS XVASEGYT!"

**CryptoQuip answer**

My buddy asked me if I would go looking for things with him, but I said "Seek for yourself!"

**Super Crossword Answers**

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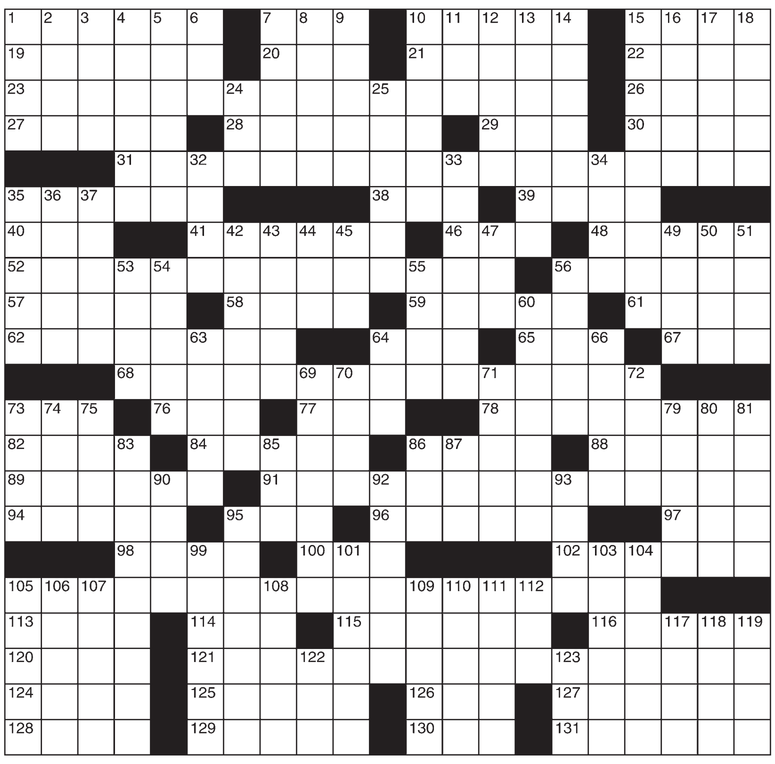
## SUPER CROSSWORD: TORMENT OF THE TIMID

**ACROSS**
**1** Garam — (spice mix in Indian cuisine)
**7** Core PC component
**10** Praiseful poem title starter
**15** Cheering yells
**19** Off the mark
**20** Some little batteries
**21** "Time waits for —"
**22** Dismounted from a horse
**23** Start of a riddle
**26** Musical pitch
**27** Moisten again
**28** A — (like some logic)
**29** Like ore
**30** Set of rules
**31** Riddle, part 2
**35** San Luis —, California
**38** — Poke (candy brand)
**39** Singer Lovett
**40** With 50-Down, happened to meet
**41** Laundry-day spray
**46** Great sorrow
**48** Top-floor storeroom
**52** Riddle, part 3
**56** Reptile with a spiny back
**57** Like meat prepared per Muslim law
**58** With 97-Across, like late payments
**59** Felt sick
**61** Plum parts
**62** Engine conduits
**64** Suffix with acetyl
**65** Fa follower
**67** Parking area
**68** Riddle, part 4
**73** Grizzly baby
**76** Joanne of "All the King's Men"
**77** Male doll
**78** Rambled on and on
**82** Adam's second son
**84** Neuters
**86** Mars, to Greeks
**88** — time (ever)
**89** Invalidate
**91** Riddle, part 5
**94** Singer Adams
**95** "The Greatest" fighter
**96** Beaver, e.g.
**97** See 58-Across
**98** Kind of tide
**100** Moo goo — pan
**102** Traps, as by a winter storm
**105** End of the riddle
**113** Diner grub
**114** In most cases: Abbr.
**115** Repair, as a shoe bottom
**116** Longtime Toyota
**120** Andean ancient
**121** Riddle's answer
**124** Den noise
**125** Kagan of the court
**126** Teacup part
**127** Frozen fries brand
**128** Long dagger
**129** Winona of "Mermaids"
**130** — -Caps (candy brand)
**131** Cooking oil brand

**DOWN**
**1** Bryn — College
**2** Arthur of the court
**3** Ragout, e.g.
**4** James of "Gunsmoke"
**5** Portable computer
**6** Passing vote
**7** Island near Naples
**8** Politico Sarah
**9** Make — (employ)
**10** Nobelist Eugene
**11** ICU figure
**12** Atlanta university
**13** Not too wild to domesticate
**14** Counterpart of round-trip
**15** Increase by degrees
**16** Detached
**17** Dhoti wearer
**18** Mill metal
**24** — -Locka, Florida
**25** Start of the old Ipana toothpaste jingle
**32** Station
**33** More humble
**34** Mill debris
**35** Lawn care brand
**36** Religion of Iran
**37** Counting everything
**42** Wraps, as a healing ankle
**43** "It's — of do or die"
**44** Some are civil: Abbr.
**45** Sever
**47** Olive of the comics
**49** Kite's trailer
**50** See 40-Across
**51** Play's actors
**53** Barber's sprinkle-on
**54** Greek epic
**55** Singer k.d.
**56** Start of a denial
**60** Footballer Boomer
**63** "ER" figure
**64** Berlin article
**66** Allow to attack
**69** Through the roof
**70** City east of Phoenix
**71** Without blinking —
**72** MacFarlane of "Ted"
**73** Bit of pasta, informally
**74** Lyft rival
**75** Flock of quail
**79** Forays
**80** Boredom
**81** Gold-medal swimmer Amy Van —
**83** Usurer
**85** Beltmaking tool
**86** Rumpus
**87** Wand
**90** Genuflection joint
**92** Big families
**93** Power co.
**95** In a mockingly humorous way
**99** Court jester, e.g.
**101** In back
**103** Cardinal Borgia
**104** Draws forth
**105** Wade Boggs' base
**106** Vietnam's capital
**107** Acting award
**108** Steadied by attaching a rope to
**109** Snaky letters
**110** "Over There" songwriter
**111** Last Oldsmobile model
**112** Untilled field
**117** Letters before chis
**118** Start over on
**119** Hot — oven
**122** Reno-to-Spokane dir.
**123** NYSE index



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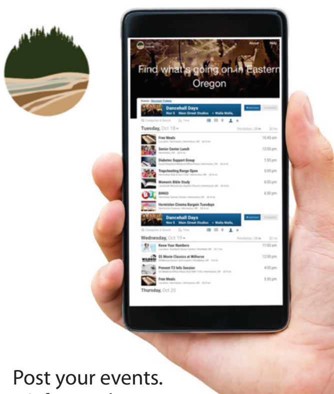


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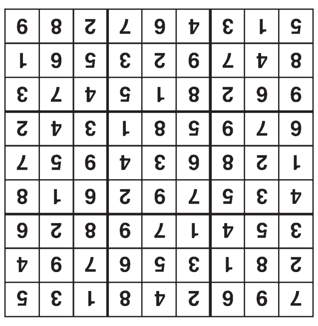

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