

Pack a Punch

A “Letters to the Editor” Contest

2021 Entries



Allison Nichole C, 13, in Idaho

Dear Kibble Nibble Cracker,

I have been searching for a good pet food magazine for a very long time. When I saw the giant pile of kibble on your front cover, I was sure I had found what I was looking for. It was pricey, but I splurged and spent a whole eleven cents on your magazine, and do you know what I found?.

Inside that magazine, the first article was about a parrot who had grown up eating your bird seed. A parrot, for crying out loud! I had to turn three pages before I found an article about dog food, and it hardly reached my standards. It started with an add about a twenty pound bag, but went on and on about customer experience. It drove me insane.

I wasn't thinking, so I bought that bag of dog food. I was totally ripped off! There was only 20 pounds of food in that bag! I mean, I know that's what the bag said, but that's not what I wanted! Who do you think you are, going around selling bags of dog food and putting the right amount of dog food in the bag? I can't believe it! This is just... Just not fair! And don't tell me life isn't fair, because I know it isn't. I only get walked once a week, but that isn't the point. Actually, just ignore that. It's a heavily guarded secret.

The point here is that I WANT MY DOG FOOD FOR MY BREAKFAST NOW! If my food is not delivered soon, I will come over to your studio personally. Thank you for your cooperation.

Yours with rage,
Marghy T Hoffliwaffle

Dear Miss Marghy T Hoffliwaffle,

I am sorry that you were not satisfied with our large bag of soft stuff dog food, and that you feel our magazine was a waste of your eleven cents, but most of our readers find parrots to be rather entertaining and don't care much about the dog food.

We understand that though this is what most people (or dogs?) enjoy hearing about, you clearly have different views. As much as our dogs enjoy the food we feed them, we are unable to give articles on how or why the dogs eat it, or how delicious it is. Otherwise, only dogs would want to buy our papers. They, regrettably, do not have much money to pay to our company.

And so, I regret to inform you that we cannot add more articles solely about dog food. As for the food itself, we would be lying if we added any more food to the bag since we promised twenty pounds of food. If this is not satisfying, we always have larger bags you can buy.

We hope you enjoy the food, even if it wasn't as much as you had hoped, and that next time our magazines will be helpful and inspiring. Thank you for writing to us.

Sincerely,
Rett Riever

Mariah W, 13, in Texas

Dear Mariah White,

You are positively the worst writer in all of history and frankly I despise you.

I have to pay a whopping \$20 a month for this trash – it's unthinkable. The only reason I'm subscribed is that everyone else is and I'm the main gossip subject if I don't.

So I ask you to please consider resigning, for the position of editor is not fit for such an unthinkable bad writer.

I am not sorry I told you this and am unashamed of all I've said. I will not except such a terrible editor to remain editor. There are plenty of young editors who would qualify, but not you.

If you must insist on staying, oh what has this world come to?

Oh dear me, you must resign or this whole country will fall apart – please I beg you to resign.

Sincerely,
Albert Toodle Snitch

Dear Mr. Toodle Snitch,

I am very sorry you feel this way about me but frankly I cannot and I won't resign.

My whole family is depending on my job to keep us afloat. You're the first person who has complained, and I suppose there must be a first to everything but it's not pleasant.

I am a people pleaser and find it very hard to on purpose not please you. I would very much like to oblige you but with this request I can't.

I am very sorry and hope you feel differently in the future.

Sincerely,
Mariah White

Peter L, 12, in British Columbia

Dear Sir,

I am SO **EXCITED** to READ YOUR WONDERFUL MAGAZINE. I **SO** LOOK FORWARD TO GAZING UPON YOUR **MARVELOUS** ISSUE. AFTER I HEARD OF THIS AWESOME PHENOMENON I could NOT think of ANYTHING ELSE FOR **TEN WEEKS!!!!!!!!!!!!**

Your BIGGEST FAN,

SVEN

Dear Sven

I am glad to hear about your enthusiasm. How about we reward that with a carrot: 50% discount on my newest magazine that you will be reading nonstop for ten weeks. Please tell your friends and family about it, that is, if you have any. Hopefully you have friends and family to share it with because you seem like you will explode if you don't share it soon.

Sincerely,
Sir Peter the Rabbit

Peter L, 12, in British Columbia

Dear Fuzzy_Panda,

How do video games prepare you for life? My parents think I spend too much time gaming and want me to go outside and mindlessly waste precious energy. They think that I would be interested in idiotic exertion, like basket-base or ball-ball or whatever. Please tell me it's a life skill.

Sincerely, Games-Are-My-Life

Dear GAML,

I strongly suggest that you branch out and find other reasons for living. That being said, you will be glad to know that video games DO prepare you for life. Have you ever wanted to scalp someone who was pillaging your house? Hopefully you exercised self control and didn't kill them. Self control is a useful life skill, so you should exercise it. Have you ever played a game with someone who was new to the game? Were you patient? If you were then Good Job. Multiplayer games generally involve teams, so if you are a good team player then give yourself a pat on the back.

Sincerely,

F. P. fuzzy_panda@coolmags.ca

Chloe T, 14, in Texas

Dear Ms. C.J.

I cannot believe that of all the things to write about you chose to write about Kaladin, He is one of my least favorite characters and his arc is distasteful. As one of your most avid readers I was absolutely astounded when you chose this subject. To think that you supported the Kaladin arc is disturbing and I am disgusted by the fact that you actually put it in your article. You are wrong on so many levels. First off... you know what I don't even want to talk to you anymore. I am writing this to tell you that the fact you support and even like Kaladin is ludicrous and I will no longer support or read your magazine.

Truly hate you
Selena

Selena

Hi Selena, I am disappointed that you feel this way, I will not apologize for the way I feel or think about Kaladin's arc or any other things I support that you do not. I understand that you may not agree with me but one thing to remember is that, even if someone has different views or opinion than you do, you should not give hate or cancel them. You should respect that they have a different opinion and respect that opinion even if you don't agree. Please consider that before you send any more hate letters to people.

-C.J.

Aaron S, 14, in Indiana

Dear Editor,

The cats and I really enjoyed the latest issue of *Cat's Life* magazine. I work at an animal shelter in Greenwood, IN. Every month, we read your magazine to our rescue cats. They paw and sit expectantly on the issues, while we eat "Kitty Nibbles" together. (By the way, they are scrumptious and we have been buying them ever since we saw the ad in your magazine.) Our favorite part of your magazine is the rescue stories. The cats meow excitedly till the very end.

We have some funny rescue stories here at the shelter and would be happy to share them with you. Most recently, one of my co-workers had to rescue a cat from a bramble thicket surrounded by mud. Carefully stepping into the mud to avoid startling the cat, he reached slowly toward the cat, not realizing how slippery it was. He slid face first into the thicket and the cat sauntered across him to the other side. (We now call our co-worker "Patch.") If you ever need more rescue stories, we would love to have you visit our shelter.

Your faithful reader and cat lover,
Felix Shanes

Eva J, 13, Alaska

Dear editor,

It maddens me that humans are not often featured in this magazine. You show those unintelligent elves, slothful dwarfs, feeble goblins, predictable aliens, lackluster monsters, and even those puny dragons! Yet, you have only featured humans once! (which was with me) I request an entire issue on the benefits of being human, because there are certainly hundreds of uses. For one, humans are excellent at baiting out the evil creatures, due to the fact we look frail. Once an evil creature comes towards us, then we can attack them. Humans are one of the most powerful and strongest creatures out there. You have no acceptable reason to disregard the human race.

Sincerely,
Fiona L. Griswald.

Fiona Griswald,

I am sorry to say that quite frankly, there aren't many humans we have heard about doing intriguing things. So, if you can provide us with a list of humans with quality stories, then we will happily make an issue of them. Despite this, it seems that humans have not had many thrilling endeavors, besides finding the already discovered land and claiming it as your own. If you would like, you could be the supervisor of this operation, so you may see what's fit for the issue. I would beg to differ on the benefit of being excellent bait, and not many humans are "strong" and "powerful" or very skilled when it comes to defending themselves. So I am unsure of what you were trying to prove. I hope we can be in contact soon,

Sincerely,
Rain Crislight

P.S. Elves are one of the most intelligent creatures out there you uncultured swine. Think, about who you're writing to before sending.

Easton L, 13, Missouri

Dear Mr. Editor,

Why does your magazine's science for the brain have so many science experiments?

Aren't most of them incredibly dangerous? I was just wondering because when I did an experiment that contained matches, I followed the example and did exactly what it said, (well maybe not every step) but I tried my best.

When the weather was more sunny I set off the bottle rocket, then BANG! My face hurt so bad after that experiment. My Mom won't let me even touch the matches that are used for the experiment on pg 21. I like science, except for when I'm going to have to go through college. I am planning to get a doctorate degree in school.

The time I got the issue of making fireworks made me so excited I couldn't help not jumping on the couch. My sister thought I looked hilarious but I didn't mind, because I was too busy reading. I think your magazine should be a little more intriguing, some of it's just too boring. How are you going to get kids to read this stuff? All it has is experiments that I can't even do. If it had facts and more S.T.E.M I think I would read and like them a lot more. I also think you should host a S.T.E.M class, where you teach how to be safe and actually make real science.

Your future fan,
Bobby Dan

Bobby Dan,

I received your letter and am grateful for your question. I think experiments are fun and help your brain. I like to think they are a way to learn what would happen if you did something and what wouldn't. I'm very sorry for your face and hope you will wear safety goggles next time.

To tell you the truth, I actually didn't even try the experiment myself. All of those experiments are ones I tried (except for the one on pg 21.)

I remember you saying that you are planning to get a doctorate degree, and I think it will be a great thing. I am very glad you liked my magazine on making fireworks, I got most of my ideas on the 4th of July. I like the idea of adding more facts to make it more interesting and I will try to add safer experiments.

Your suggestion on doing a S.T.E.M class is greatly appreciated by me and the rest of the team. We plan on doing a class and will notify you immediately when we do.

Your good friend,
Peter Carp

Lynn V, 12, Ontario

Dear editor,

I am Emilia Jones and I love your magazines! Just thinking of the wild adventures with those amazing bees makes me want to sit down and read. I was wondering if you could write a special magazine just for me. I would read it everyday and you could sign it and I would be kind of famous! If you need advice on the topic, I would be glad to help!

Your special admirer,
Emilia Jones

Emilia Jones,

Thank-you so much for the letter! I am happy that you enjoy our magazines, and we are glad you love to read them.

We have thought about writing about you, but unfortunately, we think that would be quite difficult. Don't you think others would be jealous? Maybe you could write a magazine of your own, and maybe we could publish it for you. Someday you can bring me a book to sign for you instead.

We were happy to hear that you were willing to help write, and we would like to invite you to our office so you can take a look around and then help us with a new magazine. You would be the first to know about the incredible adventures of Bobby Bologna the Bee!

We are sorry that your original plans have been wrecked but hope you will come and enjoy time at our office this January.

Hope to see you soon!

Sincerely,
Robin Cussler

Naomi V, 14, Ontario

Miss Editor,

I am writing to tell you that I very strongly dislike one of your writers. His name is Guy Snapp (I never hear the name “Guy” without grimacing now) and he has done several things to offend me in the short period of time that he has been writing for you. (Although it has felt like an eternity to me.) You know he writes the column “A Day in the Life” which used to be my favourite column in your magazine. I spent hours by the fireside, emersed in the stories, sipping hot chocolate...but those days are gone. They disappeared when Guy Snapp took over the column.

I knew things had changed for the worse when the very first article he put out was about a girl named Rebecca, JUST THE SAME AS ME. That wasn't all that bad, and might've even been an honour, aside from the fact that she was PUT TO DEATH at the end. I found that extremely offensive.

I also dislike Guy Snapp for the simple reason that he seems to take no care of his appearance. Or perhaps he's trying to look like a weirdo. I find it disgusting that he has an earring in his ear, and that his hair is dyed blue. I suspect that he is part of some shady business. I command you to do something about that man.

The third, and most disappointing thing that has happened because of him, is that the stories have changed in the worst way! No longer are the tales filled with good values and the characters choosing the right decisions. Now the stories are scary and morbid. I have only read a few, but I am convinced that the nightmares I got from them are the worst I have had, and ever will have.

I am disappointed in your choices, but I am sure this letter will put you in the right light.

Sincerely, (if you get rid of Guy),
Rebecca Jameson

Miss Rebecca Jameson,

I received your letter yesterday, and regret to tell you that I will not be letting Mr. Snapp go any time soon. Not only will the former writer, Mrs. Snowbird, not be coming back to the magazine, but none of us here on the team want to part with Mr. Snapp.

We are sincerely sorry that you have had bad experiences with the stories. I suggest that you ask your parent or guardian to read them along with you. Personally, I think that Mr. Snapp is doing a great job of showing what life was like “back then”, but we will carefully keep in mind the age of our readers from now on.

About the matter of the story about Rebecca, I am positive that Guy meant no harm to you or any other Rebeccas. First of all, Guy had never met you or even heard about you, so he couldn't have been trying to give you offense. Second of all, Rebecca is a common Jewish name so it made sense to choose it, as Rebecca was a Jew.

About Guy's looks, it is rude to insult him in that way, and I would like a written apology, to be printed in the next edition. That will have to be at our office by February the 7th, of the coming year.

If you do not enjoy the "A Day in the Life" column anymore, I guide you to a tamer section of the magazine, called "Meter Long History Timelines". It is no-nightmare guaranteed.

Sincerely,
The Editor,
Crystal Balle

Bella J, 13, Illinois

To: The editor of *All About Literature Madness* magazine
From: Jo March
Date: 1-14-21

Dear Editor,

You may think I'm here to praise your magazine or whatever. But no. That is not why I'm writing to you. In fact, that's the exact *opposite* of why I am writing to you. Now, I'm not usually a glass-half-empty little woman, but when I see something wrong somewhere, I'm going to speak my mind about it. In volume 2, issue 1, you shared your "words to live by." I believe your advice was "No one will do it the way I will do it," or something like that. Well, I have something to say about your wording. If you're the editor, then why didn't you edit your words? It should say, "No one will *write* it the way I will *write* it." Look who's the editor now!

Your *correct*, flawless, "fan,"
Jo March

To: Jo March
From: The editor of *All About Literature Madness* magazine Date: 1-17-21

Dear Miss March,

I am sorry you feel that way about my magazine. I understand your urge edit to my quote, but I wrote it how I did for a specific reason. I believe that my words can apply to anything, not just writing.

Sincerely your open-minded editor,
Bella J.

Bella J, 13, Illinois

To: The editor of *All About Literature Madness* magazine

From: Yolanda Eisenhower

Date: 1-14-21

Dear Miss Editor,

I love your magazine! I am evidently grateful for your brain and it's wonderful ideas. But are you aware of the Preposterous Peanut Pandemic happening on Mars? I would like to make sure you are aware of its huge threat, as well as your readers. To help get you on your way, I have included a list of things to do if the Preposterous Peanut Pandemic were to come here. Please publish it in your magazine this instant.

Your concerned (and not at all pushy) reader,
Yolanda

Things to do if the PPP were to come here:

- Make sure you do not feed the walking peanuts.
- Get rid of all nuts in your home.
- Be prepared to board up your house openings if things get too peanut-y.
- Do not provoke peanuts if you encounter them.
- Stock up on olive oil to outline your home. They hate that!
- Take extra precautions to protect loved ones with peanut allergies. Unfortunately, they may tragically perish.

To: Yolanda Eisenhower

From: The editor of *All About Literature Madness* magazine Date: 1-19-21

Dear Miss Eisenhower,

Thank you for your concern, but that article will not be necessary. I'm sure my readers have no need to fear the Preposterous Peanut Pandemic. It will not arrive here. I am glad you...like my brain?

My condolences,

Bella J.

(the editor of the *All About Literature Madness* magazine)

Madeline I, 12, Nebraska - **FINALIST**

Dear Madam,

I have read your magazine about life in the country, and I must say that I have a few complaints. I live in New York City, and have never heard of cow or goat food products. Don't you know that milk, cheese, and meat come from a supermarket? I am also puzzled by your corn and beans theory about them growing on a stalk or seed of a plant. Don't you know that they come from cans? I also happen to be a big animal lover, and I am outraged you keep "farm" animals cooped up in pens and paddocks. Cows should be set free in the wild, for I adamantly stand for animal rights. You also stated in your magazine, that you think beef comes from a cow. Beef comes from the deli! If your "theory" is true, I will never eat another hamburger again. Personally I think your magazine needs reworking, and I would be glad to send you all of my thoughts and suggestions on why you are wrong.

Your enlightened reader,
Waverley Coltmen

Miss Coltmen,

Thank you for your letter. I have addressed your concerns, but I am sorry to say that I can not change the magazine. You may have never heard of farm animals before, but I assure you they exist. Many people may not know the importance of farming, but 87% of U.S. agriculture products are produced on family farms or ranches. Farming is a very important asset to our society because, sadly, food doesn't magically appear on our shelves. Even though most animals are kept in pens and paddocks, they are well cared for and comfortable. It is also my duty to inform you that there is no such thing as a wild cow. Cows have been domesticated for around ten thousand years. Furthermore cows could not survive in the wild if they were set free. Thank you for sharing your ideas and beliefs but unfortunately I cannot use them, as they are not factual or accurate. If you are still not convinced, perhaps a trip to the country would make an eyeopening excursion.

Sincerely,
Madeline Iske

Chloe R, 14, Pennsylvania

Dear Mam,

Hi! My name is Calamy Sally, I am 12 years old, and I live in Kitty Hawk, North Carolina. Let me just say that your magazine is totally not helpful in my life. Your magazine just made my life WORSE! Yall in the magazine industry say that you have to have a planner to plan out your day and make to-do lists for yourself when all I do around here at my farm is scoop up poop, brush the pigs and feed those darn chickens. How's that for a to-do list HUH! It is very unmotivating to have a to-do list like that! Oh, and another thing, do yall have any idea how STUPID you guys should feel after telling the whole wide world that you have to fold clothes a DIFFERENT WAY! HOLY COW! Why are you doing this to me! Anyway, please write me back and tell me how to be motivated when all I do around here is work!

Yours (not) truly,
Calamy Sally

Dear Calamy,

Thank you for your “great” advice. However, I’m not so sure about the un-motivational to-do list, I know it can be frustrating to do work all the time, but you can have fun music in the background as you work, you can add colorful stickers and doodles to your to-do list, the possibilities are endless!

Thank you again for writing to us and we will try to add “better” ideas to our magazine.

Sincerely,
The Editor

Kami R, 11, in Pennsylvania - **FINALIST**

Dear Editor,

Hi! My name is Olibia Martin! How are you? I can't wait to tell all my friends I wrote a famous person a letter!! Oh right... *anyway*... I need to ask you a favor. So after reading your magazine over and over and over and over and over and ov—you get the point! After reading your magazine a lot I want to audition for a disney movie!!! But I really super nervous... will you drop by to come with me? Since you are famous and everything that will make me confident.

Please come! I really need your help! I live in Alaska so you coming shouldn't be any trouble! I even looked at the airplane website! It's only \$346 dowalrs! Isn't that Great?! Be warned acting lady, It snows a LOT! Oh sorry I got to go now. My mommy says we have to do some more school. By the way... Did I tell you I am in second grade?!?!

Sincerely,
Olibia Martin

Olivia,

Thank you for writing to me! I love reading any supportive letters. I'm afraid that I will not be able to fly to Alaska or to a Disney audition on such short notice, but I would be happy to give you my best advice. Make sure to give as much emotion to the scene as you can. Especially when you are trying to convince your mom to fly you to a Disney audition. Maybe cry a little bit. *Don't laugh* during your sob story. Tell your mommy that Mrs. Kamryn thinks an audition is just what Olivia needs. I'm sure you will figure it out. These are my best tips for practicing your acting. Not for lying! And they might be helpful when you need a last minute flight somewhere.

Thanks again for writing to me, Olivia! I hope you can pursue your dream of being in a Disney movie.

Sincerely,
Kamryn R.

Lorelei D, 14, Michigan

Dear Editor,

I am writing to tell you that after receiving your latest issue, I am extremely enraged and offended! It is my strong belief that you should cease all publishing of this magazine, for the fact that the information inside is dangerous and inaccurate! After reading your tutorial on how to clip a horse, I decided to do so and followed your instructions. When I got to the part about the mane, —where you said to clip about two inches behind the ears for the bridle to fit— I did so, but it looked vastly too small. So, I clipped it bigger. Next thing you know, my horse’s mane was completely gone! Now my poor Precious has no mane at all! I can tell that she blames and resents me for it! I, however, blame this entirely on you for it was your responsibility to explicitly tell people not to do this. Not only did you make this terrible mistake of writing the wrong dimensions, but you also lead us to make the unfixable mistake of clipping the whole thing off. I demand that you issue a full recall of all your published magazine to keep others from making this horrendous mistake, which you provoked us to do. In addition, I demand that you cease to further publish anything else of the sort.

No thanks to you,
-Mrs. Peregrine

Dear Mrs. Peregrine,

I am deeply sorry that you found the information in my magazine to be inaccurate and offensive. As for your comments about my article on how to clip a horse, I am sorry that you found them to be dangerously untrue; I do my best to publish the most helpful and accurate information I can find. My intent is to help people find useful instructions for them and their horses. For my horse and most other horses I know, two inches is plenty enough space for the bridle. I write what I believe to be true and then leave it in the hands of the readers to decide whether or not they believe or decide to use the information I suggest. Once again, I am sorry that you are unhappy with what I have written and that your “Poor Precious” is now mane-less. Nevertheless, I do believe it impractical to cease publishing or to recall all of the printed magazines of that issue. I do hope Precious’s mane grows back soon, and that you might eventually decide to forgive me for the information you have deemed offensive.

Sincerely,
Miss White

Oliver A, 12, Utah

Dear Sir,

I recently received your latest Playful Pups article and I was bouncing through the roof! I had waited so long I was growing roots into the ground, and every time the mailman would pass he would hand the mail right to me because I waited out there day and night waiting to see your latest magazine article but, then I read it and after I turned that last page I BURST! I completely exploded with so much excitement I thought I would just faint. Because of the contest to see whose pet would be featured in the next magazine article! So that is why I sent this letter with my pet pic included! So please please please feature my dog! She is so perfect for your magazine!

Waiting with Minimal patience,
Doug Jarky Paup

Mister Paup,

We are very grateful here for your overwhelming support to our magazine. I am sorry to hear that your roof was broken; I only hope you have some insurance to cover the damage. I am happy to inform you that your dog may just be the dog I was looking for! Your dog is big, hairless, and looks quite like a human... oh although I would never doubt that you are a perfectly normal human yourself. Your dog may be perfect for the next issues theme, "The New Kind of Cute!" You may just make it to the front page if I don't receive another as "Cute" as yours! I knew right away that your dog has some bad eating habits though. In the picture you sent he was eating a big Mc Donald's happy meal. The toys are a dog choking hazard and dogs just shouldn't eat burgers! I do think that Kibble-Nibbles is a very reliable brand of dog food that dogs enjoy having.

Sincerely,
Tom D. Kat

Oliver A, 12, Utah - FINALIST

Dear Editor,

Ok, so, lately I have not gotten any cat treats. And my cat is going bonkers! Because each time I come home from work my cat frantically races at me and meows so loud like as if she was meowing into a microphone! And now that I finally bought them she seems to ignore them whenever I bring them out she just stares at it and meows at me. And then tonight I was having lasagna and then she jumped onto the table, and the next thing I knew the lasagna was gone! So, really what I needed to ask you was, are there such a thing as lasagna flavored cat treats?

Your friend,
Tim Salamee

Mister Salamee,

I am sorry to inform you, but I have yet to find any formula for lasagna flavored cat treats. But one thing is for sure, taste the cat food! You'll understand once you try it.

And if you are still having "the meal" problem I would recommend either eat in a box or cage so your cat can't get in, or just deal with it and eat the cat food instead! (FYI if you get to the last resort just start buying more fancy of cat food!)

Although there are not lasagna cat treats there are turkey flavored ones! You should probably try that before eating the cat food just in case your cat decides they would rather have those cat treats!

Sincerely,
Oliver

Avery L, 14, Texas - **WINNER**

Dear Madam,

I am so excited to be writing to you! Your magazine is my favorite magazine ever. I look forward to it every month! My mom gave me the subscription for my birthday last year, because I love to read so much, and then she gave it to me again this year! How many subscribers do you have? I have so many editions that I covered one of my walls from floor to ceiling in the covers! My mom knows that the day a new edition comes in the mail she won't see me at all. I usually stay in my room huddled under blankets in my bed until I finish flipping through the magazine several times. Mom claims that she is going to start taking it away if I keep ignoring her. I can't help it though! Real life just seems so dull and boring when I am reading.

My favorite part of the magazines are the poems, and I think they are so fun to read. I sometimes like to cover the title of the poem with my hand and then try to guess what book the poem is about. It can be really fun! I tried writing my own poem to send to you, but I had some trouble. Would you ever consider having a poem contest, and then publishing the winner in your magazine? I love reading poems, and I think it would be so cool to see what other people come up with. I would love to have something published in your magazine. I have enclosed one of my poems in this letter. Feel free to publish it!

Eager for another edition,

Mia Vacker

Waiting

Waiting and waiting,
For my magazine to come,
Out by the mailbox

Miss Vacker,

I was so pleased to receive your letter. I am glad that you enjoy reading my magazine. Although, I am not sure that ignoring your mom is a good idea! The point of writing this magazine is for people to find books that they enjoy, have fun reading the articles, and inspire a love of reading. It makes me so happy to hear that it has done this for you. I agree that life can seem boring when reading, but it is important to remember what world we actually live in, and you never know. Sometimes coming back into the real world for a while makes books that much more exciting.

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We have about one thousand subscribers to our magazine. Your idea for a poem contest in a good one, and I made sure to share it with my team. They have been discussing it, so I am sure that they will come to a decision soon. If they do decide to hold one it will be announced in the magazine, so I encourage you to keep an eye out! If it is held you should definitely submit your poem. Haikus can be difficult, and I really enjoyed reading yours. I hope you continue reading, and keep an eye out for the next edition.

Sincerely,

Avery Leavins

Abby W, 14, Texas

Dear Editor,

In your magazine, you've supported rescuing cats and even encouraged it. I've been a ravid follower of the magazine for quite a long time (the subscription has been my birthday and Christmas gift for years), but after reading articles about rescuing cats, I can't help but think this is wrong.

All my life, I've been told that messing with the cycle of nature is wrong, and helping can cause more damage than people think. When we rescue cats, it messes with the cycle of nature. In the past, they have taken care of themselves and recuperated when they got hurt. Sure, some of the cats may have died, and there may have been a lot of pain and suffering, but that's the way of life. When we go through struggles and difficulties, do giant turtles come to our rescue? No, absolutely not. Other humans typically come to us. So other cats can help cats and the cycle of life is completed and undisturbed.

If you keep supporting the idea of rescuing cats, I'll have no choice but to retract my subscription of this magazine. Remember what I said!!!

Most angrily,
Faye Thetford

Dear Faye,

It is a pleasure to meet a reader, especially one as devoted as you are! I am so glad that you have enjoyed the magazine. I am equally glad that you reached out to us and have told us about your view concerning the rescuing of cats.

We agree that messing with the cycle of nature can cause more damage than people think *sometimes*. However, other times, it's really helpful. We're able to save the lives of different animals in need, and they're able to express their thanks through their actions. It's fulfilling to see the different ways animals act after they've been saved. We'll admit that some animals don't show their thanks, but then again, they're only animals.

A remarkable fact is that animals do come to the rescue of people! I personally have seen that they tend to care for children more than adults, but they nonetheless help. There's a story about a gorilla caring for a little boy after he fell into the gorilla pen, or a lion taking care of a kidnapped child. There are more stories like this than you can find online.

Thank you for writing to us! I am so glad to have gotten to talk with you a little bit.

Sincerely,
Abigail Wilson

Madison O, 11, Georgia

October 29, 2020

Dear Madison O.,

I just want to let you know that I absolutely am NOT a fan of your magazine, Dainty Dogs. Who even likes dogs?! I, myself, am a big cat lover. My name is Kitty Von Paw. I live in England in the town of Bakewell. It is really a pleasant town. I started a small business called Claws N Paws with a no dogs allowed policy. Everything was going well until a brand new store opened across the street. Oh, just talking about it makes me want to scream! Its name is Pooch N Paws and there is a no cats allowed policy. Humph! The worst thing about it is the owner. She is my ex BFF and pretends to be so sweet but really she wants to convert my shop into a very expensive puppy diner. She actually emailed me telling me that. I know what you are thinking by now, “why is this lady telling me her life story? She doesn’t even like dogs.” Right now, I can hardly afford to mail this letter. What I need from you is for you to make a cat magazine so my business will prosper.

Sincerely,
Kitty Von Paw

November 12, 2020

Dear Kitty Von Paw,

Hello, I received your letter. I am sorry about the whole ex BFF incident. You will be happy to know that I have started your cat magazine, Fancy Felines. I am about three-fourths of the way through. Cats are very fascinating! Did you know a house cat’s genome is 95.6% tiger? This makes me what to get a cat! My magazine will most likely be published by the time you get this letter. I am planning on flying out to England in a few weeks and would like to feature Claws N Paws in the magazine. This will hopefully help your business thrive.

Sincerely,
Madison O.
Editor of Dainty Dogs and Fancy Felines

Alice E, 12, Colorado

Editor of “Egypt Through the Eyes of a Cat”,

As Queen Cleopatra, I would like to object about your horrendously true article about me and Julius Caesar! You reported of our secret, and BRIEF romantic relationship. Can't ancient lovers get some privacy?! It is a sensitive subject. Julius left me a long time ago.

WHAT are you going to do now, eh? I AM a queen, I AM NOT dead, (just mummified) and I DO possess very powerful Egyptian magic.

If you do not take that article and any other information about me out of your magazine, I will just have to send you to Osiris. He is a quite dear friend of mine and, being the lord of Daut, he will torture you unexplainably. (I do not expect your stupid little mind to know what Daut is, but here. It is the Egyptian realm of the dead.)

With hate,
Cleopatra.

Your majesty Cleopatra,

I have to say it is an honor conversating with you, although you undoubtedly feel otherwise. I will not enclose my name because I am terrified.

I believe you when you say you have magic. Why wouldn't you?

I cannot take beck my article as it is already published. As for Osiris? I have been looking for adventure recently. If he is the last face I see, I obviously have no choice on the matter.

With goosebumps and a pale face,
The editor.

Isis P, 13, Florida

Dear Editor,

I will never buy your magazines again. I thought writing you a letter about the problem would help. I wanted to let you know your last magazine was very insulting to both me and my pet rabbits. I have 12 rabbits living in my backyard. All of them are super cute and treat me like their owner. That is why I was outraged when you taught everyone how to make rabbit stew in your magazine. I have seen my neighbor peeking over my fence recently, she is a big fan of your magazines just as I used to be. I was the one that introduced her to your magazines in the first place! I would never cook a helpless rabbit or unhelpless for that matter. I hope you are ashamed of yourself for cooking such adorable creatures.

A true bunny lover,
Carol Smith

Mrs. Smith,

I am very sorry that you hated the stew so much. I will try to refrain from making rabbit related recipes from now on. I would never purposely insult any of my readers. I was cooking wild bunnies, yours sound pretty tame. There are lots of differences between the two. You seem to be a loyal reader, it feels silly to me that you would stop reading my magazines because of one article. In a couple weeks you will get your 5 year discount. That is how long you have been reading my work. I hope you can look past the rabbit stew and continue reading. In this next magazine I will teach you how to make chocolate cake pops , bunny free of course. Your name is now on the list for a free copy, I hope to see you on the delivery list very soon.

The Editor,
Isis Pape

Emily E, 11, Maryland

Lola Carter

546 Silver Fox
Hollow park, Cal

15th January 2021

Mis Emily A . Eugene

The Magic company
987 Water View Hotel
Boring, Oregon

Dear Miss Eugene,

Hi! I am Lola Carter, a huge fan of your magazines! I love an article in one magazine that tells you about portals and why you should and shouldn't use them.

I have one question though, do the symbols in all your magazines actually work? I really do want to use them in the forest because I don't want to hurt anyone. I am very curious about the one that has an arrow and a cracked heart. Is it true that it causes a fictional character to come to life and fall in love with you?

I am looking forward to you answering my letter. I will be careful I promise. Sincerely,

Lola Carter

Ian R, 13, Alberta

Dear Editor,

So I saw a copy of your so-called “magazine” on the shelf of my local Trolls R Us Internet Meanies Club. After glancing at the cover, I proved that I was the biggest meany troll in the room by denouncing and deprecating every one of the “magazine’s” articles. The article that I deem most unworthy is “my theories on the evolution of the myth of the dragon”. I believe that any magazine distributor that is associated with this “magazine” will collapse.

The main reason that I am writing this letter is that I believe that you should change the topic of this “magazine” to The Evolution of Internet Meanie Trolls and how they benefit society. People would care more about this than dragons. I mean why should we care about dragons? Even if they were real what good would this “magazine” do? I bet if dragons were real you would cower in fear while real men (A.K.A. the Trolls) ensured the survival of the human race.

I hope you listen to my advice and change the subject of the magazine, and if not then I will gladly watch your inevitable economic downfall.

With great animosity,
Flog Snapperdy-Gaccle.

Mr. Snapperdy-Gaccle

I reserved your *interesting* letter, and I gave it the attention I feel it deserved before filing it appropriately. I would have given your letter more consideration if you had actually read any of the content. Next time before requiring our attention on another letter please read at least part of the magazine.

As for your request, we will not be changing the topic of our magazine. The reason for this decision is that we believe that reading about dragons sheds light on the power of the human imagination. Dragons also encourage critical thinking and open mindedness. The reason we believe this is that dragons are sentient but very different from us. This requires us to realise that things that are different from us are not always evil. And you want us to change that to Internet Meanie Trolls who do not research or investigate but merely react. This sets a terrible example to our readers and does not enlighten them.

We will not change our position on this matter, and we will bear the burden of having the Internet Meanie Trolls cancel their subscription.

With hope that future letters do not arrive.
The Editors.

Marie G, 13, California

Dear Mrs Editor,

My name is Josia Jones, My little brother, Jacob reads your magazines all the time, the day your magazine is supposed to arrive he wakes up at 5:00 AM, walks down to the mailbox, and stays there all day, or until your magazine arrives.

It is a well written magazine, and the stories are so exciting, even the ones that actually happened, which surprises me because nothing exciting ever happens in real life. That's why I'm accusing you of making it up. Nothing that exciting - such as your story, *At the Strike of Lightning* - ever happens. Period. I can't believe you would make something up than call it a true story!

Sincerely, a disappointed reader,
Josiah Jones

Dear Josiah Jones,

I'm glad that your brother is such a devoted reader of my magazine, and I'm sorry that you think that my short story, *At the Strike of Lightning* is a fake. In truth, lots of exciting stories happen in real life. Have you ever heard of Harriet Tubman? She was my inspiration for this magazine's theme. Her life was filled with excitement, exceleration and danger. On your next trip to the library you should pick up a book on her, and soon you'll start realizing that excitement always happens and will continue to happen. If you have any questions, feel free to write me again,

Marie G. I. G.