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#### Featured Site

# Aquarium!





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## Verdigris!

verdigrisstudio.neocities.org



#### OVERWHELMED BY OCTOWBER? | BY KINGHARRY

In the past, non-overwriting files were the popular way to add new breeds and markings to your game. However, this trend has shifted in favour of keeping only the original breedfiles in game and utilizing overwrites instead. Overwrites, or OWs, are files that replace the original PF Magic breedfiles. A common example is Cargo's Bicolour B&W Shorthair, which adds more markings to the breed and has become a must among many that breed catz. Overwriting files can also be found for clothes, toys, and other file types.

There are many reasons why people may want to use OWs, ranging from fixing bugs and addressing quality of life issues, to cosmetic reasons, to the fact that some of us have been playing for decades and enjoy changing things up a bit. One of the increasingly common uses is for breeding petz. There are two main advantages to breeding with OWs instead of non-OWs. The first, and perhaps biggest, is that if somebody adopts from you, they won't need to download any additional files. The second is that you can just throw the OW into your game and breed petz you already have, reducing the time spent trying to breed in new traits with petz fresh from the AC.

In effort to promote the wide range of available breedfile OWs, and to get people to branch out and use less commonly seen files, the Petz Life Discord server hosted OctOWber - an event spanning the entire month of October - with various community activities. In addition to encouraging the hexing of OWs, experimenting with new files, and, of course, stamp collecting, OW roulette (https://perchance.org/petz-ow-roulette) was introduced. If you ever want to breed some petz but don't know what to try, give the wheel a spin and see what it suggests! The wheel is still available, and everyone is free to spin it.

## Get Your Search On!

Looking for stamps? Let me help you out!

- \* Filthy Hippie, Medusa, Oasis, and Powerhouse have Monthly stamps!
- \* Check out the WW Stamp Collecting post!

## Featured Champion

Flowsnake's Boulevard of Broken Dreams "St. Jimmy" Owned by Kieran



Submit your Champions on the Petz Gazette site!

With so many different OW breedfiles being created, it can be difficult to keep track of them all. Therefore, OctOWber also marked the commencement of the OW masterlist community project (https://airtable.com/app6oIZsntRorjJRV/shrujfDAgJiIkC7xi). The masterlist aims to track OWs for breeding, provide information about their appearance, base breed, where to find them, and any breeding quirks to be aware of. It is still a WIP, with more than a hundred files still waiting to be added. If you want to assist with the project, join the Petz Life Discord and talk to KingHarry! There is a thread in the server where progress is being tracked and questions can be asked.

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# Other Dates

November 1997 - Petz 2 Release date!



November 15, 2003 - Makoto's Birthday, owned by Megan@Oasis



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November 10, 2006 - Moody's Birthday, Owned by Kathleen@Alohomora



November 19, 2021 -Jonquil's Birthday, owned by Nebula@Poppyhill

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The highlight of OctOWber for many was the breeding competition. This friendly contest was split into four weeks, each with a different theme. The overall winner received the coveted grand prize of being able to decide the official way to pronounce OctOWber (a matter of much debate within the server).



Week One: Autumn Vibes

(speaks for itself!)

Winner: ECRose @ Mythic Silence: Malevolent OWs Used: Reloaded Tubby, Reloaded Natural, Cargo Smoke & Tabby MC



**Week Two:** Greyscale is Great (only the colours white, grey, and/or black. Eye colour doesn't count)

Winner: Witzy @ Witzworld OWs Used: Lida's Rottie, Lida's Pitbull, XXXtreme Spot Dali



**Week Three:** Wombo Combo (3+ OWs must be present in the pet's appearance)

Winner: Nebula @ Poppyhill OWs Used: Gyiyg's V2 Desert Lynx, Cargo Smoke & Tabby MC, Cargo Bicolour B&W, Reloaded

Striped Calico



**Week Four:** Speciality Choice (breed something that you think represents what you're known for in petz!)

Winner: Witzy @ Witzworld OWs Used: Cargo's Bicolor B&W Shorthair, Medusa Black Stripe

Tabby

#### Overall Winner: Witzy @ Witzworld!

As the overall winner, Witzy has declared the official pronunciation of OctOWber to be: "Oct-Oh-Wah-Ber. Which essentially sounds like October with a little bit of a 'drawl' in the middle of the word."

If you missed out on this year's event, don't worry, OctOWber will return next year! In addition to this, the popularity of the breeding competition means that additional contests will be held throughout the year. Keep an eye out for them over the coming months!



"I fully recommend Tea's Build-An-Alley! The Jurnaround was quick and Tea took all my preferences into account. Now I have an adorable halfie-coated alley friend. It even came with a cute stamp and certificate!"

- Celia @ Filthy Hippie



I am very satisfied with my Build-An-Alley
Pesuit! This is Glyph, and he's a very handsome
black and white alley-persian! I love his little
snaggletooth and a gruff exterior with a
sassy-sweet personality. 10/10, will return!"
- mossrose @MRK&C



Hthought I'd give Build-An-Alley a try because Ididn't have many alleys, I didn't think I liked them much. Tea did such a good job making me an alley I could fall in love with that now I have over 30, and Grace is still one of my favourites."

- Helen @ Daisychain







# Do you have any tips for managing stress during the busy holiday season?" ~Kathleen @ Alohomora

Excellent question - I made a list for you!

- 1. Avoid the media it tells everyone to get all riled up and asserts that the holiday season is crazy! If you ignore that hype, you'll probably be on your way to feeling better.
- 2. Bury your troubles in the backyard. If you can't see it, it's not there, right? Well, um, moving on...
- 3. Find something to gnaw on that has a pleasant texture this always helps me to reach zen levels of relaxation.
- 4. If you have children, challenge them to a game of "see who can be quietest the longest."
- 5. Assert your dominance by spraying things that agitate you with a spray bottle. That'll teach 'em a thing or two about messing with your holiday cheer!
- 6. Wear plaid to bolster your jolliness.
- 7. Give lots of hugs and slobbery kisses to your loved ones.
- 8. Remember when you were young and Christmas was something you were just plain excited about? When you counted down the days and everything felt special and magical? Think about that. Just sit with that and bring it back to your heart. And maybe take a moment to revisit something that creates that atmosphere.



For ECRose, it's those light bulb candles that you plug in and put in the window. She's always loved their cozy glow, and when she was little she would sit in the rocking chair and look at them when they were the only light in the room. Those candles are still her favorite Christmas decoration! (She made a toy version of them for Petz one year - you should go download them if you haven't already.)

Yours Truly, Ralph

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