



# Thanks Anyway, Petco, I'll Pass On This Offer

My lovely wife was browsing the ads that arrived with our daily newspaper. While studying an insert from Petco she found two offers for BLUE Wilderness dog and cat food. Here are the ads. (Click for a larger image):



In case you don't see it, here are closeups. (Again, click for a larger image):



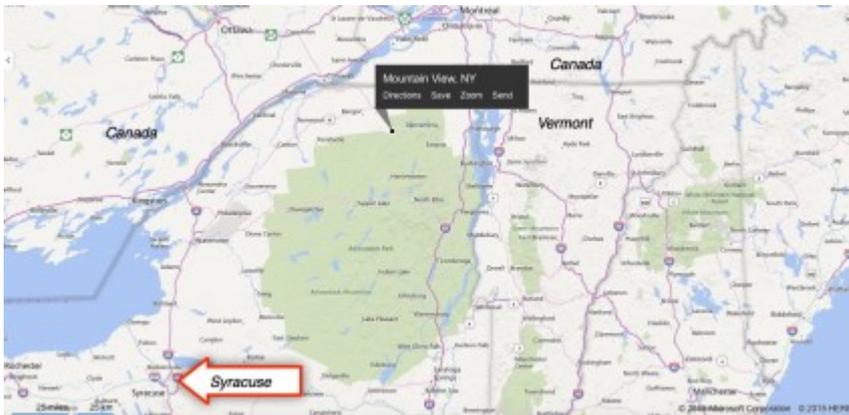
As if our cat doesn't scare us enough already. Thanks anyway, Petco, I'll pass on this offer

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# Mountain View in the News

Possibly entertaining events in Mountain View.

1. [The manhunt for Richard Matt and David Sweat has focused on a cabin in Mountain View, NY.](#)



Mountain View, NY (click image for larger version)

***CADYVILLE – State police confirmed today that they matched DNA in items found in a Mountain View cabin to inmates who escaped from a nearby prison more than two weeks ago.***

***Maj. Charles Guess, commander of the state police Troop B, said this gives authorities reason to believe the convicted murderers were in that part of Franklin County as recently as Saturday and likely are still. An intense search continues there today for Richard Matt, 48, and David Sweat, 35, who cut their way out of Clinton Correctional Facility in Dannemora and were discovered missing on the morning of June 6.***

2. [Mountain View teacher charged in sex scandal. This is Mountain View High School in Kingsley, PA.](#)



Mountain View High School is in Kingsley, PA

***KINGSLEY – A teacher in Susquehanna County is facing sex charges for improper contact with a student.***

***Megan Clough, 29, of Susquehanna was arraigned Friday on one count of institutional sexual assault. Investigators said Clough, a teacher at Mountain View High School, had sex with a male student.***

3. [Varsity Park burglary suspect sought in Mountain View, CA](#)



Mountain View Burglary Suspect

***From the Mountain View Police Department:***

*On Friday, June 19, at around 9:13 p.m., an unknown suspect forcibly entered a home on the 1100 block of Sladky Avenue. The suspect (pictured here) stole both U.S. and foreign currency along with a camera.*

*He is described as a light-skinned male in his 20s between 5'8" and 6'0" weighing from 180 to 220 pounds.*

*If you have any information about this individual, please contact Detective Andrew Wong at 650-903-6344 and refer to case number 15-3381.*

**4. Buffalo (NY) city council votes to vacate an alleyway in the Mountain View Addition.**

*The Buffalo City Council, at their last meeting, approved on third and final reading an Ordinance vacating an an alleyway in the Mountain View Addition to the city.*

*City Attorney Ben Kirven, at a previous city council meeting, explained that the alley was of no interest or use to the city.*

**5. Mountain View BBQ of Columbus, NC finished second in the "Anything but" category at the Blue Ridge BBQ & Music Festival.**

*The "Anything But" contest is for main dish creations. Its name derives from the requirement that the dishes submitted cannot include meat from any of the four categories required for Saturday's judging – chicken, pork ribs, pork shoulder, or beef brisket.*

*Local restaurateur Shane Blackwell, owner of Mountain View BBQ & Deli in Columbus, has long been a participant in the BBQ Festival both as a competitor and also as one of the BBQ*

*Vendors—that small group of about six cook teams that also sell to the public. This year, Shane and Mountain View BBQ team member Marshall Watkins were proud to have finished in second place in the “Anything But” contest with their entry of a bacon-wrapped filet with a sweet corn and crab salsa.*

6. And, of course, Mountain View, CA is the global headquarters for Google (among others).

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## Maryland Taxes Rain

Maryland’s government recently instituted a “rain tax.” The state has instructed the counties to tax landowners for the size of their roofs and paved services, because rainwater runs off of these impermeable surfaces and into the sewers. So you’re responsible for the amount of rain you don’t absorb.

Yes, you read that correctly. **Maryland taxes rain.** [According to the Washington Examiner](#) →

As we all know, taxing something creates incentives. In this case, it’s easy to predict that **some Maryland homeowners will simply tear up their paved driveways, sidewalks, etc.**

Replacing the sidewalks with spaced pavers solves the problem of muddy shoes. If there’s something similar for driveways, I don’t know about it.

But consider the meta-implications. **Taxing an activity usually reduces the equilibrium quantity.** In this case, **rain is being taxed.** Will Maryland begin to experience droughts?

We shall see. But remember – you read it here first.

(h/t to Megan McArdle @asymmetricinfo for tweeting about

this.)

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## A Freudian Short-URL Slip



### Freudian Short-URL Slip

Twitter, with its 140 character limit, has made short URLs ubiquitous. Today, however, there was a Freudian short-URL slip.

At about 3:30 pm Pacific time (GMT-8) February 27, 2014, Bloomberg View (@BloombergView) issued the tweet shown above. Look carefully at the last four characters. Is short-url trying to tell us something?

Kind of detracts from the intended support for Bitcoins.

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# Ben Bernanke Has One Request Before He'll Return to Princeton

Ben Bernanke has one request before he'll return to Princeton.

And it's really quite simple. **Dr. Bernanke will be happy to return if the University will first fire Paul Krugman.**

Note that this is under the category "Economist 'humor,' "