

August 2022

THE MONTHLY GAZETTE

"Summer afternoon—summer afternoon; to me, those have always been the two most beautiful words in the English language."

~ Henry James



Dog of the Month – Doberman Pinscher

The Doberman pinscher is also called a Doberman, Dobie, or Dobe. This fearless, agile, and powerful breed was developed in Germany as a working dog at the end of the 19th century. These dogs have a short coat that comes in a range of colors, including brown, fawn, red, and black. Dobies are renowned for their grace, intelligence, and loyalty. They make good pets, watchdogs, and service animals, and are often used by the police and military. In fact, Dobermans served in both WWI and WWII, helping to guard soldiers and sniff out mines. They also participate in military drill



teams. While it's understandable to be a bit wary of these formidable dogs, they are actually quite sweet, gentle, and loving. Doberman pinschers do best in moderate climates. With their short hair and low body fat content, they do not do well in the cold or rain. Additionally, their dark fur makes them prone to overheating on hot days.

Special Days

**Civic Holiday
(Canada)**
August 1

**Chocolate Chip
Cookie Day**
August 4

World Elephant Day
August 12

Left Handers Day
August 13

Senior Citizen's Day
August 21

National Dog Day
August 26

Flower – Gladiolus



Gladiolus are August's flower. This lovely flower represents strength and integrity—not surprising when you consider that its name comes from the Latin word for sword, *gladius*. While its sword-shaped stems might imply Roman gladiators, its romantic flowers are capable of piercing a heart with their beauty. This might be why infatuation is another of this flower's meanings. Gladiolus, or "glads" as they are commonly called, come in a range of colors and sizes, making them a versatile mainstay in floral bouquets.

Birthstone – Peridot



In 1912, the American National Association of Jewelers adopted the peridot as the official birthstone for August. The pronunciation of this gem is often confused: it is correctly pronounced *PAIR-uh-doh*, not *PAIR-uh-dot*. Peridot is a green gemstone that is as popular today as it was in the past. It has been found in ruins of ancient Egypt and Greece. It was often called the "evening emerald" by ancient Romans, who noticed that its green color shone even more vividly in lamplight, resembling deep-green emeralds.

Show Your Birthday Colors

August 1–6 Pink

"Pink" people are always trying their best to make others happy. They like to help and care for others, making them wonderful friends. They are also known for their lovely smiles, great stories, and kind hearts.

August 7–13 Blue

Those who were born "blue" are clever, cheerful, and artistic. They fall in love with their heads more than their hearts, which might explain why their relationships last. They are also the person to seek out if you need advice.

August 14–23 Green

"Green" people are shy and introspective, but they get along well with new people and make very loyal, supportive friends. They tend to have a knack for gardening, crafting, and cooking.

August 24–31 Brown

Those who were born under this color are active and sporty. They make cheerful friends and are understanding but firm. They have strong views and strive to be good money managers and drive a good bargain.



In the Good Old Days of August

In August 1932, the average annual income was \$1,652. A new house cost \$6,515, and a new car was \$610. A gallon of milk cost 43 cents, but you could get a gallon of gasoline for only 10 cents.

August Zodiacs

Leo (the Lion)
August 1–22

Virgo (the Virgin)
August 23–31

August was originally called *Sextilis* because it was the sixth month of the year. In 44 BC, the month became the eighth month of the Roman calendar. It was not until 8 BC that the name was changed to August, in honor of Emperor Augustus Caesar. August was initially only 30 days long. However, Augustus wanted his month to have as many days as July, which was named for Julius Caesar. To appease Augustus, one day was taken from the month of February and added to August.

Celebrating Lefties

August 13 is International Lefthanders Day. About 10% of the population is left-handed. From scissors to bikes, lefties live in a world built for right-handedness. However, left-handers make do and are thought to be an especially dynamic lot, including many leaders, artists, and other creative thinkers, such as Oprah Winfrey, Lewis Carroll, Joan of Arc, Jimi Hendrix, and Neil Armstrong.

What's Lucky in August?

Lucky Color: Aqua
Lucky Animal: Frog
Lucky Day: Friday
Lucky Plant: Blueberry



August Birthdays

Yves St. Laurent (fashion designer) – August 1, 1936
Tom Brady (quarterback) – August 3, 1977
Peter O'Toole (actor) – August 2, 1932
Martha Stewart (businesswoman) – August 3, 1941
Andy Warhol (artist) – August 6, 1928
Jean Piaget (psychologist) – August 9, 1896
Hulk Hogan (wrestler) – August 11, 1953
Alfred Hitchcock (director) – August 13, 1899
Debi Mazar (actress) – August 13, 1964
Connie Chung (journalist) – August 20, 1946
Kristen Wiig (comedian) – August 22, 1973
Barbara Eden (actress) – August 23, 1931
Mother Teresa (missionary) – August 26, 1910
Lisa Ling (TV host) – August 30, 1973