

# zdravstvuite!

(hello in russian)



we must confess, we can't believe it's already time for another newsletter. we must also confess that we got confused and ended up fudging a little on our last deadline (well, more than a little. a lot. a REALLY LOT.) so the time squeeze is entirely our fault. the techies weren't completely happy with us about it. they called us names with many syllables and said we didn't know our WD 200gig hard drives from our nforce 2 chipsets. we felt bad and took them out for coffee (they drank mountain dew though). on a much brighter note (because we're not in trouble about it), bob has returned from his great expedition across the pond with lots of photos and news, and you'll be seeing all kinds of exciting stuff at hoopsandyoyo.com very soon.

## photo essay of the month:

adri has sent us a photo report of her own expedition with our favorite guys to the budapest zoo. we don't know budapest because we haven't gotten much mail from hungary (yet!), but the excellent photos from adri have made us want to go traveling. according to "budapest's official touristical homepage" budapest has all kinds of romantical things like parks and the river danube and hero's square. maybe one day we will all visit there. but first, the zoo:



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- a. hoops&yoyo on their way. tram 49 is cute. (plus we like the word "tram"— romantical, no?)
- b. yipes! froggish toad things! thank goodness for glass.
- c. enormous creature yawns hugely.



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- d. pink and green whippersnappers meet very old soul.
- e. weird. from this side, it looks like you're visiting a people zoo.
- f. the bat exhibit, in case that needs explaining.



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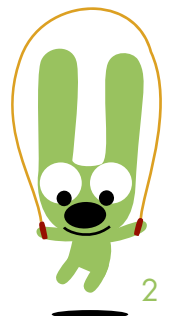
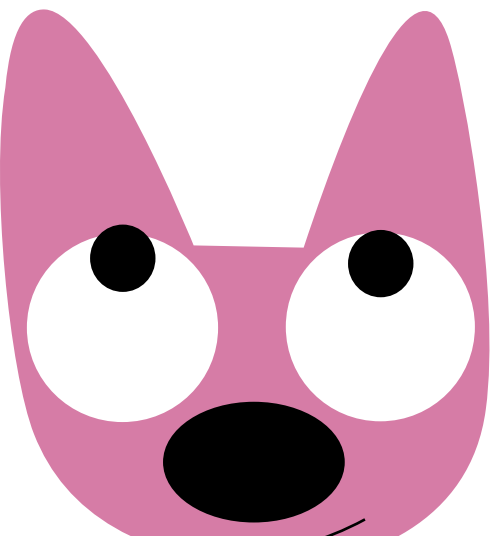


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- g. friends at hero's square.
- h. adri in front of very cool elephant statue.
- i. a bit worried. pelicans are surprisingly large. (at least we think they were pelicans. they might have been storks or ogres — too worried to read sign.)



## hoops&yoyo favorites

### sound

h: laughter  
y: ice-cream machine

### musical

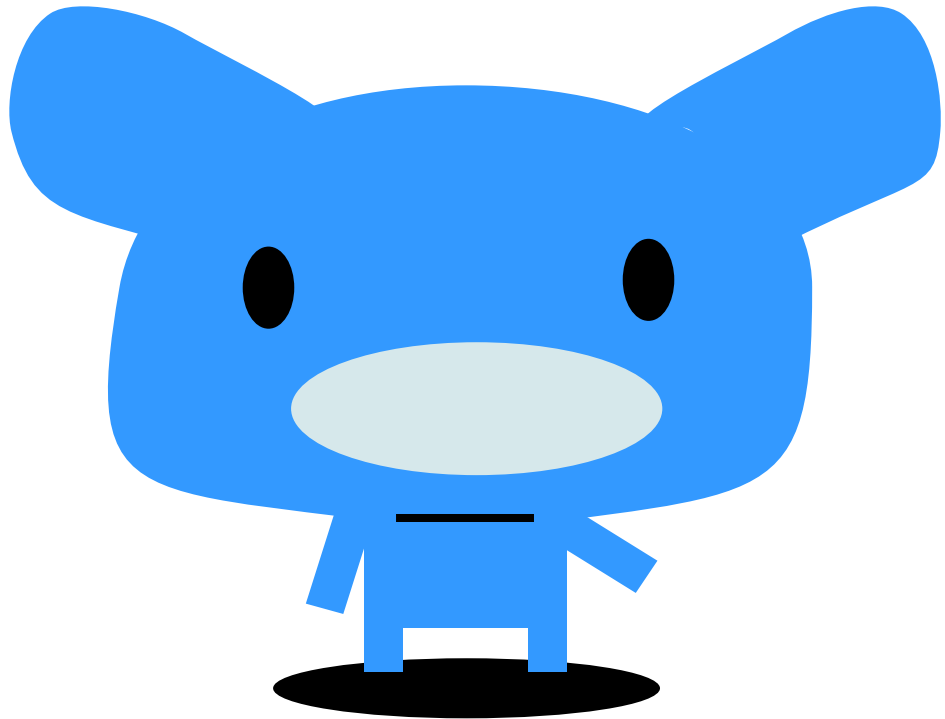
h: guys and dolls  
y: animal crackers

### actor/actress

h: james caan  
y: aishwarya rai

### office supply

h: three-hole punch  
y: sticky notes

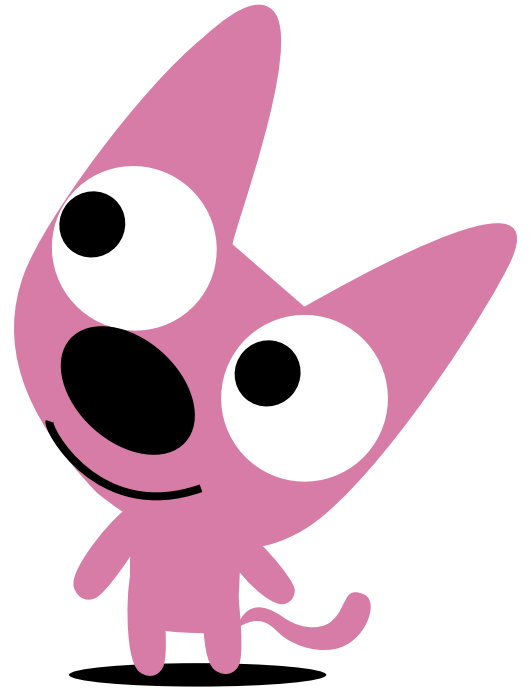


## more about bob

### bob's early work

last time we showed you an early animation of bob's. we thought we would do it again. here is the same unlucky boy, in another unlucky situation. (don't play with matches, kids.)

(if you can't see the animation here, download the newest version of acrobat reader: <http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep2.html> if you still can't see the animation, we'll put it on the site eventually.)



## e-mails you gotta read

**we are still in love with our email friends. they are such interesting people and have so many good stories. there are a lot of good people in the world. Here are some recent tidbits:**

**jerilynn** has been e-mailing us for a while now, and it seems that she has finally helped eric overcome his "hoops&yoyophobia" and embrace the deep joy of our shrimpy-but-charming duo. we think a shared love of coffee and donuts is what finally made things work for him.

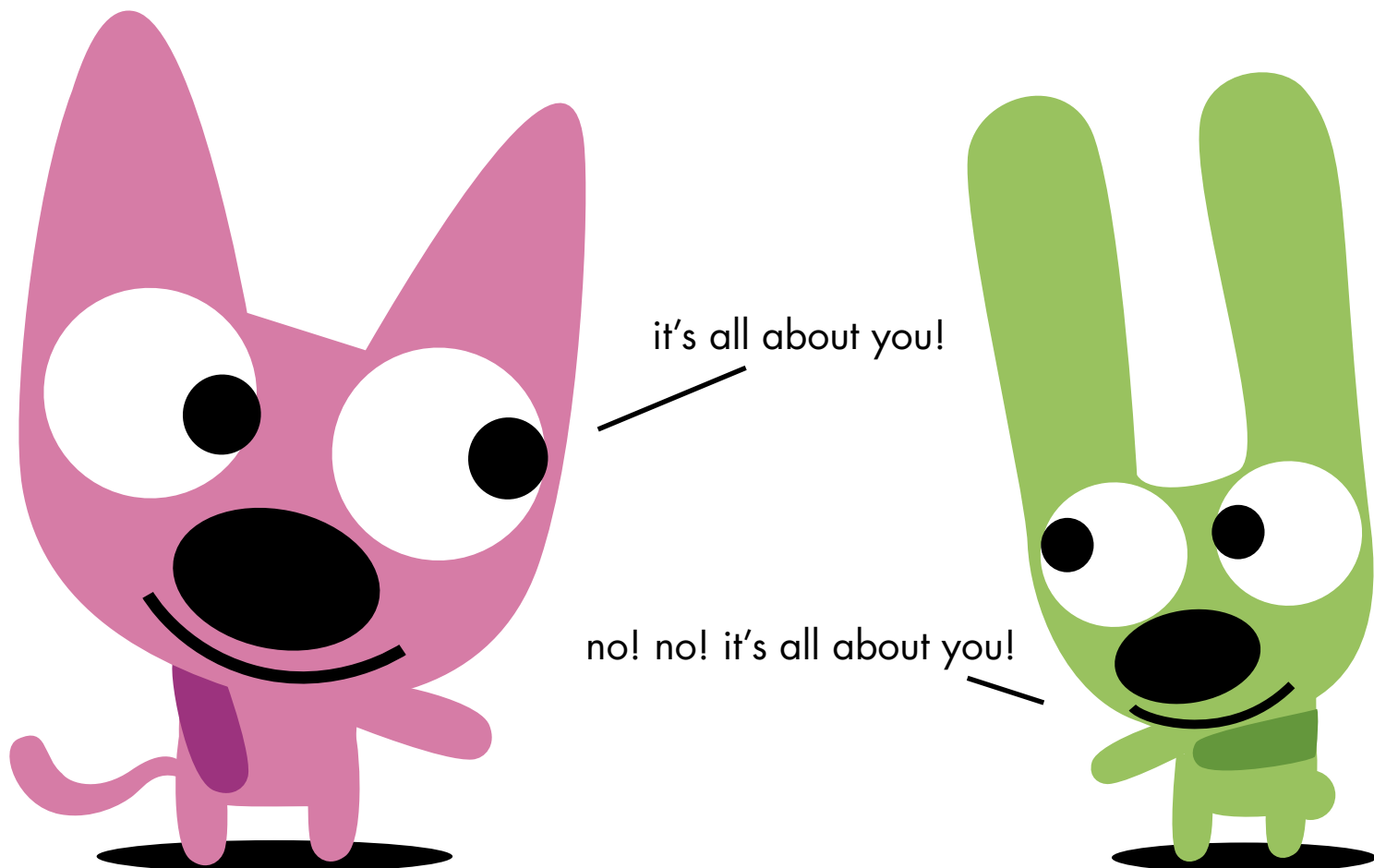
**audy** thinks that hoops&yoyo have "excellent chemistry together, like Burns and Allen or Lucy and Ricky or peanut butter and jelly". we think so too. and we'd probably also add "like donuts and sprinkles", or "a huge bowl of ice cream and a big ol' herkin' SPOON!"

**lorrie** (the mole-nose-toucher from our last newsletter) has written us again and mentioned the phrase "subnivean space". if you go look it up, you will realize there is probably a name for every single thing in the universe. (okay. you don't have to go look it up. lorrie says the "subnivean space" is the area above the ground but under the snow in winter, where it's warmer than the outside air. it actually sounds kind of cozy.)

**see? we sometimes wonder how it's possible that there are so many nice, interesting people in the world. then we get all grateful that so many of them take the time to write to us. (after that, we make a small wish that they will keep writing - so please help our wish come true!)**

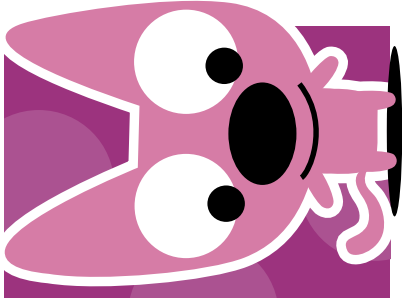
## things to looky look for:

as we said before, bob has returned from the u.k. and things went swimmingly. (does anyone know what "going swimmingly" actually means? could you please write us and explain? we use it all the time, but we live in fear that someday SOMEone will ask us to define it, and we'll be exposed.) anyhoo, there's lots of big news to pass along, BUT...we haven't had time to get all the big news typed up and organized, so (don't hate us!) we'll have to leave all that for the next newsletter. IS THAT LOUSY OR WHAT? we are sorry. in the meantime, though, there are the usual new free downloads we've made, and quite possibly we've gotten the spanish e-card versions finished (woo hoo!) and some new little mini-animations all over the site, and there will be LOADS of bob-and-mike-in-the-u.k. stories on the site. keep visiting and writing to us!



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