

Shuffling

A PET PEEVE, pet aversion, or pet hate is a minor that an individual identifies as particularly irritating greater degree than would be expected based on of others. The phrase analogizes that feeling of an animal that one does not wish to give up, despite its

annoyance to them, to a the experience annoyance as a pet objective lack of importance.

THE TERM PET PEEVE WAS INTRODUCED to a wide readership in the single-panel comic strip The Little Pet Peeve in the Chicago Tribune during the period 1916–1920. The strip was created by cartoonist Frank King, who also created the long-running Gasoline Alley strip. King’s “little pet peeves” were humorous critiques of generally thoughtless behaviors and nuisance frustrations. Examples included people reading the inter-titles in silent films aloud, cracking an egg only to smell that it’s gone rotten, back-seat drivers, and rugs that keep catching the bottom of the door and bunching up. King’s readers submitted topics, including theater goers who unwrap candy in crinkly paper during a live performance, and (from a 12 year old boy) having his mother come in to sweep when he has the pieces of a building toy spread out on the floor.

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SHUFFLING IS A COMMON CAUSE OF FALLS because sliding feet can more easily trip on rugs, door thresholds, or even slightly uneven surfaces. Older adults who shuffle are more likely to stumble because their shoes can catch on the ground. Also, the narrow stance of shuffling feet makes someone more unbalanced than if they had a normal walking stance.

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