

The DogChannel Newswire (06-26-08)

Japan unveils ringtones only dogs can hear; stolen puppies returned to owners; and other news.

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Couple Fighting for Lives of Dogs They Rescued

Twelve days after Jim and Kim Giuntoli rescued a dog darting through traffic and turned him over to a shelter, the dog was euthanized. To the Giuntolis, the death of the dog they called Buddy brought home a controversy over whether King County, Wash., shelters are killing animals unnecessarily, the Seattle Times reports.

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Stolen Dog, Five Puppies Returned to Owner

Five puppies and their mother have been returned to their owner after the dogs were stolen last week from a motel room in Westerly, R.I. The dogs were dropped off over the weekend at a dog park in Richmond and discovered by an animal control officer, The Associated Press reports.

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Ringtones Go to the Dogs in Japan

Love dogs. Love the Japanese even more for their highly bizarre gizmos. No other country has consistently amused and amazed the world with its weird and wacked-out inventions. Try topping this latest idea: Ringtones audible only to dogs, from Tokyo-based interactive content provider Dwango, CNET News reports.

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Stem Cell Treatments for Pets

Vet-Stem's stem cell therapy is just the newest frontier in the booming field of alternative veterinary medicine — which includes acupuncture, chiropractic and aquatic therapies, and traditional Chinese herbal medicine — an industry driven by pet owners who are increasingly willing to do or pay whatever they can to help their ailing pets, TIME reports.

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Puppy Born Without Front Legs Gets Wheels

Hope is a Maltese puppy who was born with no front legs — but thanks to the Southern Comfort Maltese Rescue in Chattanooga, Tenn., Hope really does have hope. Puppy Hope is now rolling around on a specially-designed device that uses wheels from an airplane model, The Post Chronicle reports.

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