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Dogs detect ovarian cancer; 9/11 hero dog to be cloned; and other dog news.

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Ovarian Cancer's Scent Detected by Dogs

Ovarian cancer has a scent different from other cancers and working dogs have been able to distinguish it, Swedish researchers say. Dr. Gyorgy Horvath of the University Hospital in Goteborg, Sweden, along with colleagues at Working Dog Clubs in Sweden and Hungary, trained dogs to distinguish different types and grades of ovarian cancer, including borderline tumors, United Press International reports.

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University Students Barking Mad Over Dog Ban

A university in Guangzhou, China, has banned the keeping of dogs as pets on campus. The ban has rankled some students who complain it is an infringement of their rights. Jinan University imposed the ban last week citing too many dogs are being brought on campus, causing disruption, China Daily reports.

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WTC Hero Police Dog to Be Cloned

A German Shepherd Dog named Trakr, a hero of Ground Zero, will be replicated as a detection dog in a cloning experiment announced Monday. Trakr and his handler, a retired Canadian police officer named James Symington, were among the first search-and-rescue teams to arrive at Ground Zero, the New York Daily News reports.

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Count Drops Fee, Eases Rules for Dogs

Starting Tuesday, dogs can visit any dog parks in Mecklenburg County, N.C., for free. Park leaders announced last summer they were phasing out the department's "pooch pass" system, which cost Mecklenburg dog owners \$35 annually and required proof of vaccinations. People who lived outside the county paid a higher fee, The Charlotte Observer reports.

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Olympic Travelers Advised to Beware of Dogs

If you're heading to the Beijing Olympics, you should worry less about catching an exotic disease and more about bronchitis and dog bites, according to a report in the American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene. Dog bites, respiratory infections and diarrhea have been some of the biggest health threats to travelers to China in the past 10 years, Reuters reports.

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