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Insurance group adds pets to policies; a puppy wows Wimbledon; and other news.

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Hundreds Jam Humane Society to Adopt Rescued Puppies

Hundreds of people with a bad case of puppy love lined up at the Atlanta Humane Society overnight, hoping to adopt one of 150 purebred dogs rescued from a puppy mill. The dogs were rescued from a breeding operation in Hickman County, Tenn., WSBT Atlanta reports.

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Farmers Insurance Adds Pets to Policies

Farmers Insurance Group announced Tuesday that its customers in Wisconsin who carry a collision and comprehensive automobile insurance policy are gaining coverage for their pets if they are injured or killed in a covered collision loss or injured, killed or stolen in a covered auto theft, The Capital (Madison, Wis.) Times reports.

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Puppy Wows Wimbledon

Forget the sometimes gruff tennis star Andy Murray, the Wimbledon crowd has a homegrown star to talk about – a puppy named Maggie. Little Maggie, named after a famous Rod Stewart song, may have an important part to play in the coveted men's singles title. Murray bought the Border Terrier to help deal with the pressure of Britain's huge expectations at the tournament, the (South Africa) Daily Dispatch reports.

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Economy Forcing More to Seek Help With Pets

Pet owners who are struggling with medical bills, job losses, or other financial problems have been pouring into the Kalamazoo Humane Society at previously unseen rates asking for help to keep their dogs and cats fed. Some of them admit that at times they have fed their pets their own food, the Kalamazoo (Mich.) Gazette reports.

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Vets, Students Helping Pets Displaced in Iowa Floods

Veterinarians and students from the University of Minnesota's medical reserve corps have been dispatched to Cedar Rapids this week to tend to animals abandoned or displaced during severe spring flooding there. The group assessed and treated cats, dogs, ferrets and reptiles that were found and placed in temporary shelter, Pioneer Press (Minnesota) reports.

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