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Stolen dogs found for sale online; presidential pets gain popularity; and other news.

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Crash Turns Dog Owners' Reunion into Tragedy

A happy journey to reunite with their championship Bichon Frise dogs ended in tragedy Saturday for two Northern California couples when their car swerved off a Colorado highway, killing one person from each couple, the San Francisco Chronicle reports.

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Firefighters Save Family Dog From Michigan Blaze

A house fire on Sunday morning was likely started by a child playing with a lighter, fire officials say. Firefighters originally thought the family dog was killed, but later discovered the dog was safe in a room adjacent to where the worst flames were, WOOD TV8 (Mich.) reports.

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Couple Discovers Stolen Dogs for Sale on Craigslist

A Spanaway, Wash., couple claims dogs who appeared in an ad on Craigslist are theirs. Now they're making a plea to the Craigslist poster: Give them back – no questions asked. But it's become a case of "he said, she said," the owners giving one version of the events and the ad poster giving another, KING 5 News reports.

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Our Presidential Pets

Man's best friend may also be his closest campaign ally. And you can forget the elephant and the donkey – because every president since Warren G. Harding has made the White House a virtual doghouse, a phenomenon likely to continue with candidates John McCain and Barack Obama, the Boston Herald reports.

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Provo Considers Tighter Rules for Dangerous Dogs

City officials in Provo, Utah, may put bad dogs – and their owners – on a shorter leash. The Municipal Council is considering an ordinance that would classify some dogs as "at risk" or "dangerous" and require their owners to take certain steps to protect the public. Those steps could include muzzling the animals in public and providing photos for police files, The Associate Press reports.

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