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Taming costly vet bills; tortured dog found in Albany; and other dog news.

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Federal Law on Animal Cruelty Videos Struck Down

In a setback for the animal rights movement, a U.S. appeals court Friday struck down on free-speech grounds a federal law that made it a crime to sell videos of dogfighting and other acts of animal cruelty, the Los Angeles Times reports.

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Taming Costly Vet Bills

Keeping your dog happy and healthy may not be as easy as you think. Medical bills and pet insurance can be expensive but necessary, the Washington Post reports.

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Pet and Home Sitters Come to Your Dogs

Like George Costanza said in that episode of "Seinfeld": Do the opposite. And so some pet owners, rather than sending their dog or cat away when they are vacationing, just keep them at home, Newsday reports.

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Tortured Dog Found in Albany

Albany Police are searching for the owner of a tan and white pit bull mix who was found to be severely malnourished and had a wound around his neck where the collar was, CBS 6 News (New York) reports.

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How Does a K9 Cop Become a 'Sworn Officer?'

A police dog from DeKalb County, Ga., was shot in the face by a fleeing suspect on Thursday morning. Local investigators say the animal, whose name is Twan, is a "sworn officer." How does a police animal take the oath of office? Slate magazine reports.

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