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Police dog dies in hot patrol car; vet urges use of heartworm preventive, and other news.

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Could Bend's Galaxy Be 'Greatest American Dog'?

More than 9 million viewers watched the premiere episode of "Greatest American Dog," making it the sixth-most-viewed show in the country that week. The wildly popular new CBS show started with two Oregon dogs; stay tuned, the Oregonian reports.

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Central Florida Police Dog Dies When Air Conditioning Fails

A Mulberry police dog left in a patrol car died after the car's air conditioning compressor failed, the Miami Herald reports.

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Largest Commercial Dog Breeder in State Purchased by Wisconsin Humane Society

The Wisconsin Humane Society purchased one of the largest commercial dog breeding facilities in the state, Puppy Haven, and it will cease operations and find homes for more than 1,100 dogs, the Portage Daily Register (Wisconsin) reports.

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Mosquito Explosion Makes Heartworm Test Good Idea

A Purdue University veterinarian is urging dog owners to get their pets tested and then put on heartworm preventative because of the explosion in the mosquito population this year, the Journal and Courier (Indiana) reports.

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Canine Therapy Thaws Prisoners' Hearts in New German Film

In this premiere feature by director Jan Hinrik Dreves, a German prison goes to the dogs as inmates are given puppies to train. The film shows how the canines break through the hard shell around these hardened criminals, Deutsche Welle (Germany) reports.

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