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California protects pet trusts; Obama's big dog decision; and other dog news.

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Schwarzenegger Signs Bill to Protect Pet Trusts

A year after billionaire hotelier Leona Helmsley bequeathed \$12 million to her dog, Trouble, thousands of California cats and dogs may soon be in the money, too, thanks to a measure signed Tuesday by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, the Los Angeles Times reports.

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Probe: Police Dog Died of Heatstroke; Officer May Be Charged

The San Diego police dog left in the back of his handler's patrol car last month died of heatstroke, county investigators said, and it will be up to the District Attorney's Office whether it will charge the officer, the San Diego Union-Tribune reports.

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Brookfield Considers Limits on Dogs, Cats

It's something of a dogfight in Brookfield, Wis., where residents are arguing over a proposal to limit the number of pets per household, The Associated Press reports.

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Kirkland Disc Dog Event Showcases Flying Canine Acrobats

For the first time in Kirkland, Wash., dog owners and their canine teammates will compete in the sport of canine disc at the Cascade Classic Flying Disc Dog Open at Crestwoods Park in Norkirk on Saturday, July 26, PNW Local News (Washington) reports.

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Obama's Big Decision: Which Dog

Whether he wins or loses, Democrat Barack Obama has a crucial promise to keep after the election in November: getting his daughters a dog. We won't know until then if that dog or any of Republican John McCain's menagerie of 24 pets — from dogs and a cat to turtles and parakeets — will become the latest celebrated presidential pets. But it's already clear that pet owners prefer presidents who have pets, the Mercury News (California) reports.

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