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Pet thefts on the rise; Lab “runs” for mayor in Alabama; and other dog news.

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Pet Thefts Rise As Economy Hits Dog-Gone Low

It might not be up there with burglary or other types of property theft, but dognapping is on the rise, says American Kennel Club spokesperson Lisa Peterson. Police reports don't make a distinction between pet theft and other property theft, so there's no way to pinpoint the exact number of stolen pets each year, but anecdotally, officers say that pet theft is increasing this year, MSNBC reports.

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Dog in Court for Breaching Peace

A dog has appeared in court in the eastern Indian state of Bihar accused of breaching the peace. Police demanded severe action against the dog for biting people. His owner says he has only attacked burglars, BBC News reports.

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Labrador ‘Runs’ for Mayor of Fairhope, Alabama

One of the candidates in the race to become Fairhope's next mayor is considerably more hairy than the rest. He also has twice as many legs and a constantly wagging tail. Wille Bean Roscoe P. Coltrane is a 7-year-old yellow Labrador Retriever whose owner has taken a satirical poke at politics by launching the pooch into the race, The Associated Press reports.

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Bristol Officers Carry First-Aid Kits for Dogs

Commanders handed out canine first-aid kits to all four handlers in the Bristol, Conn., police K9 unit last week in case their dogs are attacked, injured, or accidentally poisoned with narcotics while working. Dozens of municipal police departments in Connecticut have patrol dogs, but only a small percentage carry canine first-aid kits in cruisers, The Hartford Courant reports.

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Reward at \$1,550 for Dog Thrown From Overpass

Animal activists are counting on a \$1,550 reward to help smoke out the killer of “Angel,” a Boston Terrier puppy who was thrown to her death from an overpass near the Atlantic City Expressway, the Philadelphia Inquirer reports.

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