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Hotel guests leave behind sick dog; suspects arraigned in Detroit dogfight; and other news.

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Hotel Tenants Leave Sick Dog, Cats Behind

Two guests left behind a black Labrador Retriever and two cats when they checked out of a Hilton Head Island, S.C., hotel Sunday, according to a sheriff's report, The Island Packet (South Carolina) reports.

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Five Key Suspects Arraigned in Dogfight

Five Detroit men who officers say were ring leaders in a recent dogfight have been taken into custody and arraigned on felony charges, Wayne County Sheriff Warren Evans announced. More than 25 others have also been arraigned in connection with the July 14 dogfight, Detroit Free Press reports.

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Dog Kills Okla. 2-Month-Old Left Alone in Swing

Police say a puppy has attacked and killed a 2-month-old boy who was left unattended in a swing. Officer Jason Willingham said Monday the baby was mauled by the Labrador Retriever at the boy's home and died at the scene. He says the dog will most likely be destroyed, The Associated Press reports.

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Dog Dies in Florida After Attack by Swarm of Honeybees

Lisa Pham said her 18-month-old pit bull mix Mimi was outside on a chain when the bees attacked Monday. Pham said she tried to drive the bees away by spraying water, but she got stung and decided to call the fire department. Firefighters also used water hoses to chase away the bees. By then the dog had suffered more than 1,000 stings and died after being taken to a veterinary clinic, The Associated Press reports.

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Bob Barker Asks Chicago City Council for Pet Control Legislation

On Tuesday, legendary game show host Bob Barker was in Chicago to deliver his famed sign-off message in person. Calling overpopulation "one of the most tragic animal problems" facing the U.S., Barker exhorted a City Council committee to approve an ordinance mandating that dog and cat owners spay or neuter their pets by the time they're six months old to reduce animal aggression and the stray population, the Chicago Sun-Times reports.

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