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Chihuahuas reign in Los Angeles; warning against China's dogs; and other news.

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Man Wanted in Boulder Creek Dog Abuse Case Arrested

Even as the Boulder Creek, Calif., man accused of abusing dozens of dogs was arrested Thursday morning, more questions surfaced about what might have gone on at Robert Brunette's Boulder Creek property and why it took authorities so long to do something about it, the Mercury News (California) reports.

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Appeal Filed in Fight Over Denver Pit Bull Ban

A ruling by U.S. District Judge Walker Miller dismissing a challenge to Denver's pit bull ban has been appealed to the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Denver. In the appeal, attorneys for the American Kennel Club, acting on behalf of former Denver resident Sonya Dias, claim that the Denver ordinance, enacted almost two decades ago, is based on a stereotype, the Denver Post reports.

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Chihuahuas Reign as L.A. County's Most Popular Dog Breed

If you're in a dog park and yell, "Here, Princess," don't be surprised if 1,262 Chihuahuas come running. There are that many tiny pooches with the royal moniker registered in Los Angeles County and almost 60,000 registered Chihuahuas in total, the Los Angeles Times reports.

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Don't Pet Pooches, Olympic Travelers Are Told

Note to sports fans heading to Beijing: Don't pat the doggies. Dog bites – and not exotic diseases like dengue fever or bird flu – are a major peril for travelers in China, says a review of 10 years worth of data from returning travelers. The U.S. study says nearly 3,300 people die from rabies each year in China, with many of these deaths caused by dog bites, the Ottawa Citizen reports.

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Electronic Nose Could Spark End of Sniffer Dogs

Sniffer dogs have long been a useful tool in the search for hidden drugs and explosives, but the future looks bleak for man's best friend as scientists seek to develop a new ultra-sensitive electronic nose device, CNN reports.

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