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El Paso dogs to be trapped; the race for Obama's first dog; and other news.

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In these dog days of summer, let's consider the most important decision facing Barack Obama. Long ago, as he set out on this race, he made the one campaign promise he can under no circumstances break: that when it was all over, whatever happened, his daughters could get a dog. Should this turn out to be the new First Dog, the weight of history will fall on his haunches, TIME reports.

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Feral El Paso Dogs to Be Trapped, Hunted

Federal agents will soon be setting traps and hunting wild dogs that have been killing and feeding on livestock in eastern El Paso County, officials said. The county is set to sign an \$8,000 contract with the U.S. Department of Agriculture that would provide at least two USDA agents to hunt and remove feral dogs around Ellicott, about 20 miles east of Colorado Springs, the Denver Post reports.

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Mountain Lion That Snatched Family Dog Is Shot, Killed

The mountain lion that made its way into a house and later killed the family dog has also been killed after authorities used the dead dog as bait to get the large mountain lion, the National Ledger (Ariz.) reports.

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Abused Tethered Dog Found in Lane

A terrier was found with string tied so tightly around his neck that it had cut into his flesh and muscle, BBC News (United Kingdom) reports.

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Court Threw Out Previous Evidence Gathered Against Alleged California Dog Abuser

County officials knew as early as 2002 that an accused animal abuser's dogs were aggressive and that living conditions at his rural Boulder Creek property were substandard. However, the investigation was mismanaged, the San Jose Mercury News (California) reports.

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