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Ways to save on pet costs; Hong Kong hosts Olympic games for pets; and other news.

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Iowa Man Cited After Botched Attempt to Neuter Dog

A Des Moines man accused of using a razor blade in a botched attempt to neuter a friend's dog has been charged with improper care and treatment of animals. Officials say 49-year-old man told them he had been taught the procedure by his father and grandfather, but he has no veterinary license or training, The Associated Press reports.

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Texas A&M Selects Dog to Represent School Mascot

Texas A&M University has chosen a 2-year-old female Collie to serve as Reveille VIII, the school's decades-old mascot. School officials selected Tapestry Tenacious Juell, also known as Kelly, to become A&M's mascot, the school said in a news release, The Associated Press reports.

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'Olympets' Held in Hong Kong

While athletes in China are competing for medals in the Beijing Olympic games, 400 pets have been taking part in the first ever "Olympets" organized by a pet shop in Hong Kong. Dogs can take part in track and field events while parrots have to climb a string as fast as they can, BBC News reports.

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Ways to Save on Your Pet's Costs

Even pets are feeling the fallout of the economy's downturn. It has been so bad that shelters have coined a new phrase, "foreclosure pets," to describe animals' owners giving them away because they can no longer afford their care. Veterinarian Dr. Marty Becker has tips on how to economize your pet care without cheapening it, ABC News reports.

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It's Raining Cats and Dogs in Hotly Contested Ohio Race

One of the most high profile House races in the country has literally gone to the dogs – and the cats. Democrat Mary Jo Kilroy in Ohio's hotly contested 15th district is touting endorsements from area pets. Her campaign issued a press release Monday, that at first blush looked fake, saying she "proudly accepted the endorsements of dozens of area cats, dogs and other pets today," The Washington Post reports.

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