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Hollywood seeks out Tillman; green living with pets in mind; and other news.

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Hollywood Again Seeks Out Tillman of 'Greatest American Dog'

Hollywood has come sniffing once again for Tillman the skateboarding Bulldog. Since they were eliminated July 31 from the CBS reality show "Greatest American Dog," Tillman and his human, Ron Davis, have received a wealth of attention, the Ventura County Star (California) reports.

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Oakland Couple Rescues Pit Bulls, Works to Redeem Breed's Image

The pair tackle their biggest job yet: finding homes for Michael Vick's battle-scarred animals, the Los Angeles Times reports.

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Canine Officers Get Extra Protection

Illinois group Vest-A-Dog donates bulletproof and stabproof vests for police dogs, the Southtown Star (Chicago, Ill.) reports.

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Pittsburgh City Council Goes to the Dogs, and Cats

Every week, a dog and a cat visit Pittsburgh City Council. Since council began helping the Animal Rescue League in its "Drive for Five" campaign – a goal of getting 5,000 strays adopted – 13 dogs who have made council visits have been snapped up, the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette reports.

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Green Living With Pets in Mind

Pets used to live outside. The farm dog hung out in the barn or slept under the front porch. Cats lived in the barn loft and did their job of keeping the vermin at bay. Fast forward a few generations. It's often recommended that cats be "indoor only" and hundreds of dollars can be spent on an orthopedic bed for the dog, the Santa Rosa Press Democrat (Calif.) reports.

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