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The dynamic of multi-pet homes; dog dies from poisonous stick at park; and other news.

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Officer Charged in Dog's Death

A San Diego police officer who was charged Friday in the death of his canine partner is unlikely to lose his job but could face disciplinary action pending an internal investigation, San Diego police Chief William Lansdowne said, the San Diego Union-Tribune reports.

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Dogs Bust Inmates Using Cell Phones to Carry Out Crimes

Cell phones have become the hottest contraband in prisons these days, authorities say. Maryland correction officials in June began one of the first programs using dogs to find the cleverly hidden phones. The program breeds and trains dogs to find cell phones hidden in the state's prisons, CNN reports.

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In Multi-Pet Homes, Cats Are Top Dogs

Dogs and cats can make nice with each other, suggests a new study – so long as the cat is in the home first and introductions are made at a young age. The paper, according to authors Neta-Li Feuerstein and Joseph Terkel, is the first to examine relationships between dogs and cats living in the same house, Discovery News reports.

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Dog Dies After Picking Up Stick in the Park

Dog owners in Canada are fearful after the suspected poisoning of a three-year-old Bullmastiff named Jada on Friday night. The dog was being walked by its owner when she is believed to have picked up a stick in the park that had been poisoned. When the dog became ill, the owner immediately took her to a veterinarian, where she died, The (Canada) Globe and Mail reports.

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Man Charged for Antagonizing Police Dog

A man who allegedly antagonized a police dog has been charged with cruelty after authorities said he growled and barked at the animal, prompting a reaction that left the dog with minor injuries, The Associated Press reports.

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