

## The DogChannel Newswire (08-27-08)

**California city eyes dangerous dog rules; Manhattan hosts Pet Fashion Week; and other news.**

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### Watsonville Eyes Dangerous Dog Regulations

Watsonville, Calif., is looking at putting a tighter leash on dogs deemed dangerous. The City Council will consider the definition of a vicious dog and requirements for specific breeds such as pit bulls or Rottweilers. The issue arose after two dogs escaped from their yards in June, killed five cats, and frightened neighbors, the San Jose (Calif.) Mercury News reports.

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### Pet Fashion All the Rage as Owners Bark, What Recession?

It's a dog's life during tough economic times. But Chihuahuas in a tutu? Dachshunds draped in Swarovski bling? That was the scene at the third annual Pet Fashion Week in Manhattan this past weekend, where the world's dog-loving fashionistas gathered to share ideas, market their products, strut a canine catwalk, and raise money for charity, Agence France-Presse reports.

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### Charges Dropped Against Woman Who Registered Her Dog to Vote

Criminal charges were dismissed Monday against Jane Balogh, the Federal Way woman who registered her dog to vote — but not without a hiccup along the way, the Seattle Times reports.

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### 1,000 Dogs Rescued in West Virginia

Homes are needed for 1,000 of man's best friends, dogs rescued from an Internet-marketed puppy mill in West Virginia, officials said, United Press International reports.

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### A 'Blond Bombshell' of the Circus Was Comfortable Among Predators

Billed as "The Blond Bombshell of the Circus World" for her flowing tresses and brassy persona, Gee Gee Engesser coached a coterie of ibexes, taught a sled dog to walk a tightrope, and raised a baby elephant from infancy as a member of the family, the Wall Street Journal reports.

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