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Puppy scares off three bears; doggie “doctors” diagnose their owners; and other news.

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Feisty Puppy Scares Off 3 Bears in N.J. Backyard

A 15-pound Cocker Spaniel-Poodle mix named Pawlee scared off a mother bear and her two cubs Sunday morning after they strayed into his owners' backyard, The Associated Press reports.

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Doggie ‘Doctors’ Diagnose Their Owners’ Ills

Sensitive dogs, such as Morgan, are proving that besides being man's best friend, some canines also have a lifesaving sixth sense. Dogs' keen ability to differentiate smells enables some of them to know we're sick long before we might ourselves, MSNBC reports.

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Pet Food Recall Leads to 6,000 Claims and Counting

Almost 6,000 claims have been filed in a class-action settlement stemming from the 2007 massive pet food recall, USA Today reports.

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Pond Scum Invades Ohio River, Pet Owners Warned

City health officials said both people and their pets should avoid swimming in parts of the Ohio River where an outbreak of pond scum is making the water appear greener than usual, The Associated Press reports.

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Riding for Dogs

More than 90 days and 3,900 miles have passed since Ted Schneck got on his bicycle in Portland, Ore., and started pedaling. Just 350 miles from the end of his self-supported Dog Cancer Ride Across America on Monday, Schneck had lost none of his enthusiasm for his mission. He wants to offer hope to the owners of dogs with cancer, the Asheville Citizen-Times (North Carolina) reports.

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