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Dog gets placed on ballot in Kentucky; new club wants respect for mixed breeds; and other news.

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Border Collie on Ballot in Kentucky Town

Following the death of its mayor, the small northern Kentucky town of Rabbit Hash is preparing to elect a new leader. The only candidate so far is a Border Collie named Lucy Lou, The Associated Press reports.

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Mutt-i-grees Club: Where Mongrel Is the New Pedigree

Mutts are getting a whole lot more respect. Already riding a surge of unprecedented popularity, dogs of mixed or unknown heritage are getting another boost, USA Today reports.

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Party Animals: A Fete for Your Pet?

Pooch parties are growing in popularity across the country — not least of all in the pet-pampering Bay Area (Northern California). According to a 2005 Pew Research Center Survey, 85 percent of dog owners consider their dogs members of the family, so why not throw them a woof-day party? The San Francisco Chronicle reports.

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Town Sniffs Out Dog as Shoe Thief

Residents of a small Indiana town believe a stray dog is behind a rash of shoe thefts, the Chicago Tribune reports.

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Stowaway Afghan Spider Kills Family Dog

The family of a British soldier serving in Afghanistan has been forced from their home after a poisonous spider hitched a ride back with him and apparently killed their pet dog, CNN International reports.

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