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Officer get probation in police dog death; debunking the dog-years myth; and other news.

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Fed-Up Peruvian Neighborhood Passes One-Dog Rule

Dog lovers beware. A neighborhood in Peru's capital, Lima, has passed a law prohibiting families living in apartments from having more than one dog. People living in houses are allowed two dogs, while those found with more will be subject to hefty fines, Reuters reports.

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Officer Gets Probation in Death of Police Dog

A San Diego police officer charged in the death of his canine partner pleaded no contest Thursday to a misdemeanor charge of animal endangerment and was ordered to pay for the dog. Paul Hubka, who was not at the hearing, was placed on three years' probation and ordered to complete 100 hours of community service at any nonprofit agency within six months, the San Diego Union-Tribune reports.

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Suspect in Ore. Animal Shelter Break-In Surrenders

The last of three suspects in last week's Josephine County animal shelter break-in that resulted in the bludgeoning death of four puppies has turned herself in, The Associated Press reports.

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Keeper of Barking Dogs Gets His Day in Court

A judge heard arguments Friday about how many of the 25 Beagles and Basset Hounds can be kept in a man's home in Lilburn, Ga.. The judge will decide whether the hound rescuer ought to be punished for what Gwinnett County Animal Control officers call nuisance barking. The man faces 24 citations for violating the noise ordinance, the Atlanta Journal-Constitution reports.

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Looking for a Better Man-to-Dog Lifespan Ratio

If a human year really were equivalent to seven dog years, then people would reach reproductive age by 7, and some would live past 150. For more than 50 years, scientists and dog lovers have been trying to debunk the dog-years myth. Yet, it persists in books, news articles and the popular imagination. No matter how you measure it, this numerical notion has impressive longevity, the Wall Street Journal reports.

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