

## The DogChannel Newswire (09-03-08)

**Hurricane prompts mass pet evacuations; cool vests help military dogs; and other news.**

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### Gustav Prompts Mass Pet Evacuations

Thousands of pet evacuations were carried out over the weekend ahead of Hurricane Gustav and plans and resources are in place to find and care for the left-behind animals who survive the hurricane, USA Today reports.

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### Cool Vests Aid Iraq's Military Dogs

An entrepreneur's chilly vests help keep the military's four-legged helpers cool in the scorching desert, CNNMoney.com reports.

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### Arson Suspected as 31 Dogs, Cats Die

A blaze that wrecked a New Territories animal shelter killing almost all the cats and dogs inside may have been started deliberately, investigators believe, The Standard (Hong Kong) reports.

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### 'Loose Lion' Turns Out To Be Stray Dog

A police operation launched following reports that a lion was loose in north Belfast has been called off after the animal turned out to be a stray dog, BBC News reports.

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### Animals Add Love, Excitement at Senior Living Centers

The pitter-patter of little feet is an increasingly common sound at nursing homes and senior-living residences. Dogs, cats, and rabbits are roaming the halls, lounging about on common-area sofas and warming the beds at a growing number of residences and extended-care facilities, USA Today reports.

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