

## The DogChannel Newswire (09-12-08)

**Three cleared in Puerto Rico pet massacre; Oklahoma dog wins 'Greatest' title; and other news.**

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### Three Cleared of Cruelty in Puerto Rico Pet Massacre

A Puerto Rican judge on Wednesday found a contractor and two of his workers not guilty of animal cruelty in a highly publicized massacre of dogs and cats seized from a housing project and hurled off a bridge last year, The Associated Press reports.

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### Oklahoma Native's Dog Wins 'Greatest' Title

Perry, Okla., native Travis Brorsen and his dog, Presley, graduated from Canine Academy with honors Wednesday. Presley earned the title of "Greatest American Dog" on the finale of the CBS reality competition series. Brorsen, his owner, pocketed the \$250,000 cash prize, The Oklahoman reports.

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### Bomb-Sniffing Dogs Keep America Safe Since 9/11

Boarding a train, Tim McCarthy, a Los Angeles police officer, and his 2-year-old German Shepherd Dog, Robbie, begin their search for a bomb. As a team, they move quickly from the front to the back of the train car in order to give Robbie's nose a chance to capture the scent. They know there's a bomb on board; it's just a matter of where, the San Francisco Examiner reports.

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### Research Implicates Gene Mutation in Ancient Dog's Hairlessness

An international team of researchers led by Tosso Leeb, a geneticist at the University of Bern in Switzerland, has discovered a mutation in a previously uncharacterized gene. This mutation, the team reports, makes Mexican hairless, Peruvian hairless, and Chinese Crested dog breeds bald, or partially bald, Science News reports.

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### Dog Ejected in Car Crash Found Safe

Pookie, the Maltese-Poodle mix missing since she was ejected from a truck involved in a crash in Harbor City, was found safe Thursday and reunited with her owner, the Contra Costa (Calif.) Times reports.

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