

## The DogChannel Newswire (09-23-08)

**Gene offers clue to canine collapse; novel of boy and his dog selected by Oprah; and other news.**

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### Lab News: Gene Offers Clue to Canine Collapse

Genetic scientists said Sunday they could explain why Labrador Retrievers, the most popular dog breed in the world, may be prone to suffering a collapse of their rear legs after exercise, Agence France-Presse reports.

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### Novel of Boy and His Dog Makes Oprah Book Club

Debut author David Wroblewski took more than 10 years writing his first novel but now looks destined for overnight success, chosen by influential talk show host Oprah Winfrey as her latest book club pick. Oprah on Friday named "The Story of Edgar Sawtelle" by Wroblewski as the 62nd pick for her book club, Reuters (U.K) reports.

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### Learning Emergency First Aid for Your Dogs

After attending a pet first-aid class, a writer feels equipped to provide the immediate care required for common illness or injuries that might befall a pet. The three-hour class, taught by the American Safety Academy, is not intended as a replacement for professional medical treatment but teaches how to provide basic emergency care and perhaps save a pet's life until professional care is available, the San Francisco Chronicle reports.

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### Sit! Stay! Five Dog-Friendly California Hotels

More and more hotels are catering to dogs and their owners. Here are five that know how to pamper a pup with gourmet treats, plush beds and personalized water bowls, the Los Angeles Times reports.

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### Shutterbug Captures Canines in Natural Moments

Illona Haus endured many losses before finding her new calling. Haus strives to capture a dog's natural moments, its inner soul and spirit. And she's not above using treats and toys to snap the perfect picture, The Daily Gleaner (Canada) reports.

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