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Fifteen years to life in dog maul death; the greenest way to care for your dog; and other news.

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Fifteen Years to Life in San Francisco Maul Death

Marjorie Knoller did practically nothing while her dogs were fatally mauling a neighbor in a San Francisco apartment hallway, and later blamed the victim for her own death, a judge said Monday in sentencing the former attorney to 15 years to life in prison for second-degree murder, the San Francisco Chronicle reports.

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The Greenest Way to Care for Your Dog

To own a dog or cat can significantly increase the ecological footprint of your household. The Lantern, an environmentally savvy blog, hopes to cover other aspects of domestic animal husbandry in the future, but it recently focused on one of the most important ways you can manage your pet's "pawprint": responsible waste disposal, Slate magazine reports.

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Dog Racing Foes Dispute Industry Claims

Supporters of a ballot initiative to ban Greyhound racing in Massachusetts claim the owners of a dog track are engaging in a campaign of "confusion and disinformation" prior to the November vote, the Boston Herald reports.

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Missouri Animal Park Owners Charged

The owners of an exotic animal park and one of its board members have been charged with evidence tampering for allegedly trying to cover up a tiger attack on a volunteer by initially leading the sheriff's department to believe that a pit bull attacked the volunteer, Jacob Barr, who had part of his leg amputated after the Aug. 3 mauling, the New York Times reports.

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'Dogs Are Not Accessories'

They're cute, feisty and like to give kisses. They're portable, too. But Chihuahuas aren't toys. The Oct. 3 release of the Disney movie "Beverly Hills Chihuahua" has animal advocates worried that people will buy the breed – and then dump dogs at shelters, the Chicago Sun-Times reports.

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