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Countdown to L.A.'s spay-neuter law; ruling allows guide dog in mosque; and other news.

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Countdown to the Spay-Neuter Law in Los Angeles

If you've been on the L.A. Animal Services website in the last couple of months, you know they maintain a digital countdown of the days, hours, minutes, and seconds until the city's spay-neuter law goes into effect Oct. 1, the Los Angeles Times reports.

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Ruling Allows Guide Dog in Mosque

An 18-year-old blind Muslim student in Leicester is the first to be allowed to take his guide dog into a U.K. mosque, BBC News (U.K.) reports.

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Family Alleges Disneyland Dog Attacked Toddler

The family of a small girl is suing Disneyland, claiming she was mauled by a dog at the park's petting zoo in 2006 when she was 2 years old. The suit filed Tuesday in Orange County Superior Court says the dog, a German Shepherd Dog-Labrador Retriever mix, attacked 2-year-old Lena Dickerson on Oct. 3, 2006, biting her several times on the face and leaving her permanently scarred, The Associated Press reports.

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Southern California Dog Park to Reopen After Disinfecting

Escondido's Mayflower Dog Park should reopen this weekend after being disinfected Thursday by a defense contractor, at no cost to the city, for parvovirus. The 1.5-acre park was closed last week after a stray dog apparently abandoned by its owner was found there. The dog was diagnosed as infected with the virus and later died, the San Diego Union-Tribune reports.

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Animal Shelter Manager Guilty in Bribe Case

The former manager of the Tulare County Animal Shelter was found guilty of accepting a bribe – a \$1,000 gift certificate for a local restaurant – from a company that dealt in animal carcasses for scientific use, the Fresno (Calif.) Bee reports.

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