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Fostering Dachshunds seized from kennel; man bitten by sheriff's dog sues; and other news.

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Woman Fosters Dachshunds Rescued from W.Va. Kennel

Cindi Ashbeck is a foster mom, but not in the usual sense. Her foster "children" are of the four-legged, tail-wagging variety. Since becoming a volunteer with the Dachshund Rescue of North America in June, the Manitowoc resident has taken in rescued Dachshunds on three occasions, the Herald Times Reporter (Wis.) reports.

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Man Bitten by Contra Costa Sheriff's Dog Sues

A man who was bitten by a Contra Costa County sheriff's dog after fleeing from deputies in Rodeo – but was never charged with a crime – is suing the county for \$1 million, the San Francisco Chronicle reports.

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Iditarod Dogs' Endurance Secret Revealed

Racing sled dogs could be considered the Lance Armstrongs of the canine world for their strength and endurance. New research sheds light on how they do it. Sled dogs are best known for "mushing" each March in the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race, the world's longest sled race. The canine competitors cover 1,100 miles from Anchorage to Nome, Alaska, sometimes in just nine days, reports U.S. News & World Report.

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No One Likes to Talk About It

Although the book "Disgrace" by J.M. Coetzee is not specifically about the overpopulation of companion animals or euthanasia, both are common in South Africa and central themes in the story. In our own country, according to the Humane Society of the United States, as many as 8 million cats and dogs enter shelters each year. And half of those are euthanized. That's 4 million pets a year, the San Francisco Chronicle reports.

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