

## The DogChannel Newswire (10-03-08)

**Couple splits up – pet custody battle begins; Disney goes to the dogs once more; and other news.**

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### Animal Shelter Abuse Continues, Group Says

A nonprofit group of animal lovers says dogs continue to be mistreated at the Indianapolis animal shelter and is urging officials to shut the facility down, the Indianapolis Star reports.

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### Couple Splits – Pet Custody Battle Begins

Five years ago, Sara Vreed got embroiled in soap opera-style custody arrangements with her ex-boyfriend – and they don't even have children. What was at stake were the living arrangements for their 5-year-old canine, a Shetland Sheepdog named Ivo, CNN reports.

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### Disney Goes to the Dogs Once More With 'Chihuahua'

Few trailers this summer yanked the chain of moviegoers as much as the Busby Berkeley-ish extravaganza for "Beverly Hills Chihuahua," opening Oct. 3. There was just something about headdress-wearing pups dancing around an Aztec temple. Not to worry. This is Disney, home of Goofy and Pluto. You could fill a kennel with all its movie-star dogs through the years, out Nov. 21, USA Today reports.

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### Specific Breeds Dropped From Sandy Dog Plan

Owners of Pit Bulls and Rottweilers in an east-side Salt Lake Valley city won't be put on a tighter leash – yet. Sandy's City Council dropped breed-specific provisions in a proposed animal control ordinance, but vowed to revisit the new law in six months if high rates of Pit Bull and Rottweiler attacks continue, the Salt Lake Tribune reports.

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### Your Dog's Manners Say A Lot About You

When people and their pets leave the house, certain rules of etiquette apply. Or "petiquette," if you prefer. "Your dog's behavior affects everyone around you," said Charlotte Reed, who has been called the Emily Post of the pet set. Perhaps the most egregious violation of pet etiquette is the most common one. Poop happens. Pick it up, the Sacramento Bee reports.

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