

## The DogChannel Newswire (10-04-08)

**Blessings for dogs and other pets; top 10 reasons why people give up dogs; and other news.**

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### Blessings for Cats, Dogs, Birds and All Other Pets

The Feast of St. Francis, a cross-generational tradition, fosters the "human-animal bond." Churches will celebrate on Saturday, the Orange County (Calif.) reports.

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### Top 10 Reasons People Give Up Their Cats and Dogs

It's a myth to think that most pets end up at shelters because they have behavior problems. The truth is most pets are turned into shelters because of changes in people's lives, which means there are lots of great pets at shelters — and lots of people who have trouble adjusting to change, the Examiner (Calif.) reports.

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### Man Who Claimed Puppy Saved Him Now Charged With Arson

A Springdale Borough man Thursday night was charged with starting a fire in his residence where he had claimed that his life was saved by a pet dog, the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette reports.

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### Ig Nobel Winners Inspired by Fleas

The 2008 Ig Nobel winners, awarded Thursday at Harvard University by the Annals of Improbable Research magazine, include a discovery about fleas on dogs and cats, The Associated Press reports.

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### Tying Up Dog For Hours Now Illegal in Frederick

The ordinance prevents dog owners from keeping their pets chained or tied up outside for more than 10 hours in a 24-hour period, the Frederick (Md.) News-Post reports.

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