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Wagging the rescue dog vote; dog returned to owners after 425-mile trek; and other news.

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Lansing-Based Sewage-Sniffing Dog Hunts E. coli

Sable's job stinks, but he doesn't seem to mind. The German Shepherd Dog mix is a sewage-sniffing dog. He works out of Lansing for Tetra Tech, an environmental engineering and consulting business, detecting illicit and failing septic connections that flow from homes into rivers and streams, The Bay City Times reports.

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Wagging the Rescue Dog Vote

Great news from the campaign on the rescue front! Not the economic rescue package. The canine rescue package. Michelle Obama pledged on "Entertainment Tonight" that when the family gets a dog – Barack Obama has promised one to his daughters once the campaign is over – it will be a rescue dog from a shelter, the Los Angeles Times reports.

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No Charges Against Coral Springs Officer Whose K9 Died in Hot Car

A Coral Springs police officer whose K9 suffocated inside his police car last summer will not be charged, authorities said Monday. The Broward State Attorney's Office said it has declined to prosecute because the officer did not intend for the Aug. 27 death to happen, the South Florida Sun-Sentinel reports.

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Dog Returned to Owners After 425-Mile Trek

A Georgia family whose Golden Retriever disappeared Dec. 23 said they were stunned to learn their pet had traveled 425 miles to Florida. Liz Carter says the microchip planted under the skin of 7-year-old Pepper alerted a St. Petersburg, Fla., veterinarian to the fact that Pepper was a long, long way from home, United Press International reports.

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Rabid Dog Arrives in U.S.; Warning Issued

Federal health officials have issued a public health warning against rabies after an Iraqi puppy with the disease arrived in the United States. The dog was part of a rescue operation to unite American soldiers with abandoned animals they adopted, The Associated Press reports.

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