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Police dog ends home gas threat; Albuquerque helps low-income pet owners; and other news.

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Pet Lovers Beware

People love their pets, but even in an era of some pet food scares, many owners are unaware of the contents of the food they are feeding to their dogs and cats. So concludes Wellness, a natural pet food brand that commissioned Harris Interact to conduct a poll of 1,305 U.S. adults who own a dog or a cat, The Boston Globe reports.

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Albuquerque Helping Pet Owners in Tough Economy

Albuquerque is trying to prevent pets from being abandoned by families who are having a tough time making ends meet and can no longer feed their dog or cat. Petco, through its foundation, will donate 2 tons of pet food each month to The Storehouse, an Albuquerque organization that helps low-income residents, The Associated Press reports.

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Police Dog Ends Home Gas Threat

A police dog carrying a camera helped officers save a man who filled his home with gas and threatened to blow it up. Police sent Jedi, the German Shepherd Dog, into the property in Gloucester, England, after the man had told police that if they tried to get into the house he would ignite the gas. Jedi was sent in to find out where the man was and video footage collected allowed officers to swoop and arrest, BBC News reports.

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Man Convicted of Assaulting Ore. Police Dog

A homeless man who went over a bluff with a Gresham police dog has been found guilty of assaulting a law enforcement animal. Police said John C. Milam, with the dog in his grasp, rolled down a 20- to 30-foot embankment and then plunged another 100 feet toward the Sandy River, The Seattle Times reports.

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New Rhode Island Mom Charged With Muzzling Her Dogs

A woman allegedly muzzled her two pit bull dogs with tape and left them in her apartment without food or water for two days while she went to the hospital to give birth, police said, The Associated Press reports.

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