

## The DogChannel Newswire (10-14-08)

**Man sues pet sitter over dog's death; break-up couples "cause pet stress"; and other news.**

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### Man Sues Dog Sitter Over Dog's Death

An Oxford dog owner is suing his dog sitter for more than \$6,000, claiming she left the prized English Bulldog in the hot sun, causing it to die from heat exposure, the Hartford (Conn.) Courant reports.

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### Dogs Deemed Children's Best Friend in Fight Against Obesity

Forget free fruit in schools and kiddies' boot camp — the new frontier in the battle of the bulge could be the family dog. As experts grapple with Australia's escalating childhood obesity epidemic, new research has found owning a pet could keep children slim and healthy, The Age (Australia) reports.

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### Break-up Couples 'Cause Pet Stress'

Stressed-out cats and dogs are suffering compulsive disorders because of Britain's high break-up rate between couples, an animal charity has claimed, the Press Association reports.

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### From Pet Peeve to Pet Project

A couple opens the store Pussy & Pooch to help make downtown L.A. more dog- and cat-friendly, the Los Angeles Times reports.

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### Normandy Park Police Dog Found

The Normandy Park police dog who got out of his handler's yard Saturday night in Des Moines is back on duty, the Seattle Times reports.

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