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World's first known dog ate big game; Putin's dog gets satellite collar; and other news.

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World's First Known Dog Ate Big Game

An international team of scientists has identified what they believe is the world's first known dog, who was a large and toothy canine that lived 31,700 years ago and subsisted on a diet of horse, musk ox, and reindeer, according to a new study, Discovery Channel news reports.

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Putin's Dog Gets a Satellite Collar

Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin's black Labrador Retriever, Koni, on Friday was given a collar that will allow her master to track her movements by satellite. Putin reportedly interrupted a meeting discussing the virtues of the Russia's new satellite global positioning system to monitor cattle and wild animals, and asked "Can I use it for my dog?" Reuters South Africa reports.

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Pit Bull Owner Guilty in Dog's Mail Carrier Attack

The owner of a pit bull who attacked an Orange County, Calif., mail carrier cannot own dogs for three years as part of her sentence for keeping a vicious animal, The Associated Press reports.

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Man Shows His Political Preference With Dog Feces

A man was ticketed for unlawful dumping after admitting to putting dog feces in his neighbor's truck for political reasons. Police Sgt. Jerry Edblad said a 19-year-old man told police he has found small baggies of dog feces in the back of his pickup truck for the past few weeks, The Associated Press reports.

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Guilty Pleas in Narcotics, Dogfighting Ring

Two people Thursday pled guilty to charges related to narcotics and dogfighting. Police uncovered the dogfighting ring – a three-foot high Plexiglas enclosure – a variety of veterinary pharmaceuticals and muscle-enhancement substances, hypodermic instruments and IV tubing, two dog treadmills, and other tools used to train dogs to fight, the Mid-Hudson (N.Y.) News reports.

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