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Soldier's puppy arrives in U.S.; case against dog walker not worth prosecuting; and other news.

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Soldier's Iraqi Puppy Arrives in U.S., Tail Wagging

A black puppy decked out in a red, white, and blue bandanna jumped out of his crate and wagged his tail at the airport Monday, three flights and two days after leaving Iraq en route to his new home with a U.S. soldier, The Associated Press reports.

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Prosecution Rolls Over in Case Against Dog Walker

Dog walkers scored a moral victory today in Calvert County District Court, where the state decided that walking two leashed Poodles on a neighbor's lawn might be a crime, but it's not one worth prosecuting. The case was formally placed on the court's inactive docket, meaning the woman arrested for allegedly letting her Poodles saunter onto a neighbor's lawn during their daily walks will not be prosecuted, the Washington Post reports.

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1,500 Chinese Dogs Die From Tainted Food

Some 1,500 dogs bred for their raccoon-like fur have died after eating food tainted with melamine, a veterinarian said Monday, raising questions about how widespread the industrial chemical is in China's food chain, The Associated Press reports.

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Group Employs Ministers to Help Stop Dogfighting in Atlanta

If a guy with a gun can't eliminate dogfighting, say its opponents, perhaps someone with a Bible can. Representatives of the Humane Society of the United States said they enlisted some metro Atlanta ministers to preach against pit bull dogfighting. They'll join law enforcement officers in trying to curb the illegal practice, the Atlanta Journal Constitution reports.

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Seizure-Alert Dogs Give New Freedom to Epilepsy Sufferers

Ben, who's 15 months old, can already do a lot of things. He can turn on a light or open a door. He can pick up a remote control off the floor. He can pull a heavy object with his teeth. But Ben, a gangly Golden Retriever, is more than a family pet. He is a specially trained seizure dog who may one day be able to save the life of his new owner, CNN reports.

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