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Death row dogs get, give new life; Chihuahuas crowd California shelter; and other news.

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Ballot Measure to Retire Dog Racing in Massachusetts Is Tight

A grainy video posted on YouTube shows an octet of lean Greyhounds speeding around the track at the Raynham-Taunton Greyhound Park before colliding. In a second video, now being promoted as a counterargument by track owners, one of the dogs is back in action, competing again at Wonderland Park in Revere. The disparate images highlight the dramatically different perceptions of the ballot question that could end dog racing by 2010, the Boston Globe reports.

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Humane Society of Missouri Rescues Dogs, Cats From Breeder

The Humane Society of Missouri says it's rescuing 67 dogs and six cats from a breeding facility near West Plains in Howell County. The Humane Society in St. Louis says a veterinarian determined that animals on the property, except for four dogs, should be removed, The Associated Press reports.

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Death Row Dogs Get, Give New Life at Prison

"Death Row Dogs" in Muhlenberg County are being given a second chance at life by going to prison. Through the program, animals that might otherwise have been euthanized at the local animal shelter are being temporarily placed with selected inmates at the local Green River Correctional Complex for care and training, and eventual adoption to new owners on the outside, the Courier-Journal (Ky.) reports.

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Abandoned Chihuahuas Crowd Santa Barbara County Shelters

In the affluent county, the once-pampered pets are increasingly turning up in animal rescue facilities. Some owners can no longer afford to keep them, the Los Angeles Times reports.

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Dog Days Flourish at Park

The Ashley Memorial Dog Park has become a popular meeting place where new friendships are made, but many remember dog names rather than individuals' names, the Auburn (Calif.) Journal reports.

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