

## The DogChannel Newswire (11-01-08)

### **Dogs swallow pins, pens; robot dogs could replace service dogs; and other news.**

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#### Bow-ow! Dogs Swallow Pins, Pens

So that's what happened to the socks. A New York veterinarian has compiled a Top 10 list of items pets swallow the most. And yes, socks are No. 1. They were followed by underwear, panty hose – and rocks, The Daily News (N.Y.) reports.

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#### Georgia Tech's Robot Dog Could Replace Service Dogs

Georgia Tech professor Charlie Kemp was never much of a dog person until his wife brought home an energetic dog named Daisy about a year and a half ago. Since then, the robotics researcher's work has literally gone to the dogs. Inside Kemp's Healthcare Robotics Lab at Georgia Tech, he and co-workers are developing a robot dog they say could someday perform the same functions as the service dogs that are vital to many physically disabled people, the Atlanta Journal-Constitution reports.

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#### Rescued Dogs, Rescuing Lives Behind Bars

In prison, where kindness is considered a weakness, dogs make tough men tender. Inmates and dogs are doing time together in nine Colorado prisons, CBS News correspondent Mark Strassmann reports. One inmate said his dog is the "best cellmate I ever had." In two months' time dogs – mostly shelter rescues found beaten, starved, and abandoned – are made adoptable again by inmate trainers.

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#### Mountain Lion Attacks Family Dog in Atascadero

A wild cat nearly mauls a family pet to death. Wardens with the California Department of Fish and Game told KSBY Action News 6 that mountain lion sightings and even attacks are not uncommon in Atascadero, Calif., and that the animal that was mauled is one lucky dog.

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#### Puppy Finds Feline Mom at Animal Shelter

Jelly Bean, a mother cat at the Humane Society of Harrisburg Area, may think her third "kitten" looks and smells a little strange, but she is letting him nurse and cuddle just the same, The Patriot-News (Pa.) reports.

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