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Dogs poisoned Halloween night; dog tracks shocked by racing ban approval; and other news.

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Two Pet Dogs Poisoned, Die in Indiana, Pa.

Two pet dogs in Indiana County died after they were poisoned Halloween night in Indiana Borough, police said. A family in the borough said their two dogs had been tied in the backyard while the family went trick-or-treating with their children. When they returned, they found the dogs sickened and vomiting hot dogs and macaroni and cheese, the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette reports.

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Dogs Clash With Mail Carriers – And It's No Joke

The clash between letter carriers and man's best friend is the butt of many jokes. But for one block in Hawthorne, it is no laughing matter. The U.S. Postal Service is refusing to deliver mail to residents' front doors in a cul-de-sac on 134th Place at Doty Avenue, where it says aggressive dogs, including a Boxer mix and a Chihuahua, are putting its employees at risk, the Los Angeles Times reports.

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Dog Tracks Shocked by Racing Ban Approval

The general manager of Raynham Park is still in shock over the passage Tuesday night of a ballot question to ban Greyhound racing. Voters approved a ballot initiative that prohibits dog racing essentially shuttering the pair of Greyhound racetracks as of Jan. 1, 2010. The vote was 57 percent in favor and 43 percent opposed, the Boston Herald reports.

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Canine Reading Partners Boost Children's Literacy

Cheryl Giebel-Peterson spread a red blanket over a children's ABC-patterned rug in the Navarre Library. With her knees to the cloth, she unzipped a fanny pack strapped around her waist. By the time she held out the treat in her palm, an unlikely reading group had formed: one adult, four children, and a dog. Willy, a retired racing Greyhound, has become a popular reading partner for local elementary students, the Pensacola (Fla.) News Journal reports.

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Dog Breeder Wants to Help a Sick Child

If you have a child with a chronic illness who loves dogs, Diane Gilbert could have an early Christmas present for you. Gilbert, who breeds Great Danes, wants to donate one of her puppies to a family with a sick child. She usually sells them for \$1,000 each, the Chicago Sun-Times reports.

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