

## The DogChannel Newswire (11-13-08)

**Dogs shoot for wedding world record; shelter's euthanasia chamber assailed; and other news.**

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### Doggone It – Canines Shoot for Wedding World Record

Zoe Dumonski was stood up at the altar Saturday, but didn't seem to be any worse for the wear. The 1 1/2-year-old dog just seemed to want to go home with her owner, Wendy Dumonski. Zoe and Wendy were in Downtown Oak Park Saturday with an original plan to meet one of Wendy's friend and her dog, Lincoln. Zoe and Lincoln were to be married as part of a mass dog wedding, undertaken in hopes of setting a new world record for such an event and to raise money for Oak Park's Animal Care League, River Forest Leaves (Ill.) reports.

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### Eager Pooch Earns His Treats as a Canine Actor

McCulley Morrow has no stage fright. The 5-year-old can't wait to perform with the kids taking dance and theater lessons at Morrow's Performing Arts Center in Plano, where he hangs out most days. Just don't tell this little Yorkie-Dachshund mix that he's a canine, the Dallas Morning News reports.

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### Shelter's Euthanasia Chamber Assailed

Only a month after the groundbreaking at the West Valley City Animal Shelter, a controversy is brewing over the shelter's planned installation of a carbon monoxide euthanasia chamber. The plans have ignited an e-mail campaign by breed rescuers and pet foster parents, the Salt Lake Tribune reports.

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### Priests With Pets

Having pets in the rectory isn't unusual, though some priests find it restrictive to be tied down to feeding and walking responsibilities. Others simply don't enjoy the company of animals or they worry about the reaction of rectory staff or parishioners with allergies who might stop by. But parishioners seem to warm to the idea pretty quickly, the priests who live with pets say, the Worcester (Mass.) Telegram reports.

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### Terrorism in the Name of Animal Rights

Animal rights activists know how important words can be. The Northern California-based organization In Defense of Animals and its founder, Elliot Katz, advocate substituting "companion animal" for "pet" and "animal guardian" for "pet owner" in local ordinances and everyday parlance. The idea is "to elicit responsible treatment of companion animals and end abuse, neglect and abandonment of pets," the Los Angeles Times reports.

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