

## The DogChannel Newswire (11-14-08)

**Reward jumps in dog-killing case; memorial to military dogs dedicated; and other news.**

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### Reward Jumps in Dog-Killing Case

The reward for information leading to arrest and conviction of those responsible for poisoning six dogs — four of whom died — has grown to \$8,500 from \$1,500 thanks to donations from the public, Napa Humane, and Pet Food Express. The poisonings happened on Oct. 29 and Nov. 3, each involving three dogs who ate snail bait that was intentionally thrown into the backyards of their Napa homes, the Napa Valley (Calif.) Register reports.

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### Dog Owner Refuses to Leave Dog in Burning Home

A 68-year-old man died of a heart attack in Cicero, Ill., after refusing to leave his dog inside a burning home, authorities say. Officials said John Petrik suffered a heart attack in a police car following this week's fire, during which officers had to drag Petrik from his home after he refused to leave behind his 13-year-old German Shepherd Dog mix, United Press International reports.

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### Memorial to Military Dogs Dedicated in Montana

A memorial has been dedicated in Fort Benton to the more than 4,000 military working dogs that served in the Vietnam War. The ceremony Tuesday was part of the town's Veteran's Day events, The Associated Press reports.

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### Officer Mistakenly Kills Dog in Search

A Park Forest detective searching for a burglar in a residential backyard over the weekend accidentally killed a family's pet dog after the dog allegedly lunged at him, Park Forest Deputy Police Chief Mike McNamara said Wednesday, the Chicago Tribune reports.

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### Dog Owner Gets Six Months for Fatal Mauling

Christopher Fura — the 21-year-old Warren man whose Rottweiler, Chopper, fatally mauled an infant girl in September — pleaded no contest to involuntary manslaughter and began a six-month jail sentence Wednesday afternoon. Fura previously had entered the same plea, but withdrew it six weeks ago when prosecutors insisted he serve jail time in the mauling that killed 4-month-old Kylie Cox, the Detroit Free Press reports.

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