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Fattest U.K. dogs compete in contest; homes sought for retired Greyhounds; and other news.

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Britain's Fattest Pets Compete in Slimming Contest

Eight of Britain's most overweight pets are to embark on a 100-day diet and fitness regime in a bid to be crowned this year's pet fit club champion. The seven dogs and one cat are all more than 30 percent overweight and weigh a combined total of 421 pounds, Reuters reports.

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Animal Control Nurturing Puppy Found in Trash

A puppy's cries from the bottom of a dumpster in an alley set the dogs in the neighborhood barking late Saturday afternoon. Once the residents got the dogs calmed down, they searched for the source of the animals' excitement, and made a heartbreaking discovery in the trash container, the Times Record News (Texas) reports.

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Homes Sought for Retired Dogs Amid Track Closings

Pet adoption agencies are pushing to find homes for a growing number of retired Greyhounds amid a struggling dog racing industry and a weak U.S. economy that's left some prospective and current owners unable to afford a pet, The Associated Press reports.

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Travel Guide Lists N.Y. Pet Cemetery in World's Top 10 Places of Rest

A travel guide's list of the best places in the world to be entombed includes a New York suburban cemetery – for animals, The Canadian Press reports.

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Detective Tracks Down Missing Dogs

She turns mutts and shelter-rescue dogs into detectives, tracking a scent that may be weeks old. But these super-sniffers don't hunt down fugitives, bombs, or drugs. They track lost pets to help desperate owners, WFAA-TV (Texas) reports.

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