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Man on hunting trip shot by dog; worth of two drug-sniffing dogs in question; and other news.

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Commissioners Unsure Sheriff's Canines Worth the Cost

Dallas County Sheriff Lupe Valdez's purchase this year of two drug-sniffing dogs has sparked concern among county commissioners that the dogs may be more trouble than they're worth. The department used \$173,000 in federal drug forfeiture money to set up the new drug interdiction unit, which consists of two patrol deputies and a pair of specially trained German Shepherd Dogs, the Dallas Morning News reports.

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Nonprofit Is Dedicated to Helping Pit Bulls

Kris Crawford, a retired search-and-rescue dog trainer and handler, is the proud owner of three pit bulls. In 1997, she founded For Pits Sake, which includes programs in animal-assisted therapy, safety around dogs, search and rescue, and canine training, and a campaign against dogfighting, the San Francisco Chronicle reports.

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Man Hunting in Boat Hurt When Dog Triggers Shotgun

A Tillamook-area man was shot in the leg while duck hunting with his brother Monday morning when his dog – a 3-year-old yellow Labrador Retriever – somehow touched the man's 12-gauge shotgun, The Oregonian reports.

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Motive in Japanese Stabbing: A Dead Dog

Japanese police say the motive in last week's stabbing deaths of a former health ministry official and his wife appeared to be anger over a long-dead dog, the New York Times reports.

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Woman Walking Dog Killed by Speeding Car

The driver of a car that struck and killed a Leominster, Mass., woman out walking her dog over the weekend is facing a vehicular homicide charge, The Associated Press reports.

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