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Baggage-sniffing Beagle retires in style; pilots fly doomed dogs to a better life; and other news.

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Baggage-Sniffing Federal Beagle Retires in Style at LAX

Customs officials, officers, and four-legged colleagues turn out for Shiloh's retirement party. The dog reaches the mandatory federal retirement age of 9 next week, the Los Angeles Times reports.

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Denham Springs, La., Bans Roadside Pet Sales

The Denham Springs City Council has unanimously approved an ordinance to ban the sales of dogs and cats along highways and commercial and retail parking lots in the city, as well as recreational areas, the Shreveport (La.) Times reports.

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Pilots Fly Doomed Dogs to Better Life

Puppy love is reaching new heights. Pilots are donating their time, planes and fuel to transport dozens of dogs a month from overcrowded shelters where they face almost certain death to rescue groups and shelters several states away that are committed to finding them homes, USA Today reports.

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Father of Missing Girl: 'Have You Seen My Dog?'

An Orland Park, Ill., dad who lost his 2-year-old daughter this summer was more concerned with the welfare of his dog, a judge heard Monday. A passing stranger called police after he found Tierzah Losos wandering alone on the sidewalk at lunchtime May 29, accompanied only by her family's pet black dog. But when Tierzah's frantic father, Mark Losos, approached officers at the scene 20 minutes later, the first thing he asked was "Have you seen my dog?" Orland Park Police Sgt. Joseph Mitchell said during a trial Monday morning, the Chicago Sun-Times reports.

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Puppy-Beating Case Returned to Investigators

The Riverside County district attorney's office wants the Riverside County Sheriff's Department to further investigate a case where a Los Angeles County assistant fire chief beat his neighbor's puppy so severely that the dog had to be euthanized. Prosecutors returned the case to sheriff's detectives Monday, the Riverside (Calif.) Press-Enterprise reports.

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