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Florida pet shops face inspections; mother fined for puppy's death; and other news.

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Pet Shops in Line for Florida Inspections

State inspectors will conduct a sweep of pet stores during the next five weeks to ensure the establishments are complying with laws that protect consumers who buy pets. Florida Agriculture Commissioner Charles H. Bronson said dogs and cats must be at least eight weeks of age when offered for sale, the Miami Herald reports.

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Peoria High Students Train Puppies for Service-Dog Roles

Students at Peoria High School in Arizona may see several cuddly new additions when they come back to school next year. Through a new 18-month Puppy Raising Program, 12 students will have a puppy to raise and train every day to become affordable service dogs for military, police, fire, and emergency servicemen and women who were injured while on duty, the Arizona Republic reports.

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Mother Fined for Puppy's Death; Sentenced for Child Endangering

An Ohio woman has been sentenced to house arrest for child endangering and fined \$50 for the death of a puppy. On June 9, when a patrolman was sent to her home, he described the place as squalid and unsafe. Outside lay Max, an 8-month-old German Shepherd Dog puppy, choking in a tangled chain and sweltering in record-breaking heat without water, the Youngstown Vindicator (Ohio) reports.

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El Dorado County May Postpone Animal Shelter Project

A long-awaited animal shelter to serve western El Dorado County may have to wait a little longer. Some on the Board of Supervisors have questioned allocating money for a new shelter when the county faces a potential \$20 million budget deficit in the coming fiscal year, the Sacramento Bee reports.

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Canine Celebrity Visits Elementary School

The famous guest who visited Our Lady of Mercy school two weeks ago is, like many celebrities, coddled. But he will sit on command if you ask him. He's Jonathan XXIII, UConn's real-life, Siberian Husky mascot and the latest canine to bring the school good luck, the Shore Line Times (Conn.) reports.

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