

## The DogChannel Newswire (12-13-08)

**Pit bulls take classes to avoid muzzles; Poodles can make good hunting dogs; and other news.**

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### Pit Bulls Take Classes to Avoid Muzzles

The Nebraska Humane Society is offering “good citizen” classes for pit bulls to allow pet owners to comply with Omaha’s new muzzle law, United Press International reports.

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### Yes, Poodles Can Make Good Hunting Dogs, Too

Several blasts from a shotgun interrupted a rooster pheasant’s flight and the bird somersaulted into thick grass. “Back,” Libbe Erickson told her hunting dog, Rider Moments later Rider returned, pheasant in mouth. “Good dog,” she said, taking the bird. Nothing unusual here on a glorious fall day in Minnesota – except Erickson’s dog is a Poodle, the Minneapolis Star Tribune reports.

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### Residents Split in Dog Beach Ban

Proposals to extend a summer beach ban for dogs in a Dorset, England, seaside town have seen residents’ views split in two, BBC News (U.K.) reports.

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### Purdue Students Design External Bones to Help Older Dogs

Without pain medication, walking across the room is a struggle for Stella. Stella suffers from hip dysplasia, a condition in which the hips deteriorate and it becomes difficult for dogs to walk. Total hip replacement is a common procedure for some dogs as well as for humans with similar trouble, the Journal and Courier (Ind.) reports.

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### Dogfighting Sting Nets 127 Dogs

Authorities seized 127 dogs and arrested a man who co-wrote a book on raising dogs to fight after raiding an apparent dogfighting operation in western North Carolina, The Associated Press reports.

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