

## The DogChannel Newswire (12-15-08)

**BBC drops Crufts from schedule; experts advise Obama on dog choice; and other news.**

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### BBC Drops Crufts From Schedule

The BBC has confirmed it will not broadcast the Crufts dog show next year. The Kennel Club, which runs Crufts, said the decision followed "disputes" over the inclusion of certain breeds of pedigree dog in the competition, BBC News (U.K.) reports.

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### 23 Dogs in Filthy Cages Removed From N.Y. Home

Twenty-three dogs, most caged in rotted and feces-filled crates, have been removed from a suburban New York City home. Authorities made the discovery Wednesday after being alerted by a furnace repairman who had gone to the Wesley Hills house, Newsday (N.Y.) reports.

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### The Inhumane Society?

An Arapahoe County District Court judge is expected to decide next week how to keep the Colorado Humane Society functioning amid allegations by the state attorney general of mismanagement at the shelter, Rocky Mountain News (Colo.) reports.

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### The Rise of Beds, and Falls of Dogs

Without fanfare or marketing, the bedding industry has been raising the altitude of its products, satisfying customer preferences for ever-thicker mattresses. Yet that preference is creating a hazard for a tall bed's shortest occupant: the dog, The Wall Street Journal reports.

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### Search for Obama Dog Draws Expert Advice

Experts say President-elect Barack Obama and his family can find a dog well-suited to the White House. The important thing is to realize there's no perfect dog — only the perfect dog for them. The search can take weeks or even months. Behaviorist Patricia McConnell and other experts advise a deliberate approach, avoiding impulsive decisions, The Associated Press reports.

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