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Dog owner says pet saved her life; more shops becoming dog-friendly; and other news.

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Dog Owner Says Pet Saved Her Life

A Van Buren, Ark., woman says her mutt Miley saved her life. The dog woke Stacie Pitts up early in the morning. Pitts says she had a headache but went back to sleep. Miley persisted and woke Pitts again. Pitts felt nauseated and realized something was wrong. Other family members also had headaches and they all went to the hospital, The Associated Press reports.

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More Stores Becoming Dog-Friendly

Dogs are welcome in a growing number of retail stores. The biggest growl may come from dog-averse shoppers, the Los Angeles Times reports.

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Retailer Pulls Vick Jerseys Amid Complaints From Animal Activists

A retail chain quickly pulled replicas of Michael Vick's jersey from its Georgia stores after getting complaints from animal rights groups. Florida-based Bealls Outlet Stores apologized in an e-mail to a Georgia Humane Society leader and said the jerseys were stocked by mistake, The Associated Press reports.

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Man Arrested on Suspicion of Stealing Dogs

Police think they have the man responsible for a "dognapping" in San Mateo, Calif. Officers arrested 19-year-old Tyler Hill after eight pit bull puppies and their mother disappeared from the backyard of a San Mateo home last week, The Associated Press reports.

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Household Items Can Be Toxic to Animals

Dog owners beware if you decide to use cocoa mulch around your yard or garden. It could kill your dog if he eats enough of it. The mulch contains the ingredient theobromine, which can be lethal to dogs or cats, the Auburn Journal reports.

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