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The return of “Barney Cam”; Connecticut high court backs veterinarians; and other news.

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Barney Cam Returns

It's that time of year again at the White House —another corny video featuring Barney, the first dog. The seventh and final installment of “Barney Cam” was unveiled Tuesday, bringing a close to an annual tradition in which President Bush's Scottish Terrier frolics with celebrities in a lighthearted video message, the Washington Post reports.

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Conn. High Court Backs Vet Clinic in New Canaan

The Connecticut Supreme Court ruled in favor of veterinarians who want to set up a clinic in New Canaan. Neighbors next to the planned site of the clinic claimed the town's zoning board was wrong to conclude that a clinic treating animals is allowed under zoning regulations, The Associated Press reports.

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Jessica Hendricks Wins Sheep Mountain Sled-Dog Race

A four-time Iditarod champion and a three-time Yukon Quest winner were no match for Two Rivers' dog musher Jessica Hendricks at the 2008 Sheep Mountain 150 Sled Dog Race Dec. 13 and 14, the Fairbanks (Alaska) Daily News-Miner reports.

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Berkeley Humane Society to Stop Vet Service

The move ends an era in which thousands of family pets have been seen at the veterinary hospital since the 1950s. Mim Carlson, the organization's executive director, said in a statement that the move would allow the facility to care for more homeless cats and dogs, Bay City News Service reports.

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84 Chihuahuas Rescued From Home

Animal shelters in Georgetown and Stanton, Del., were caring Saturday for 84 longhaired Chihuahuas and 11 cats that SPCA officers rescued from a home near Laurel. The Chihuahuas taken from the ranch home included one who was giving birth when animal control officers entered late Friday, and another that gave birth Thursday, the Delaware News Journal reports.

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