

## The DogChannel Newswire (12-18-08)

**Owners and pets understand each other; Biden's puppy breeder gets citations; and other news.**

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### Poll: Most Say They, Pets Understand Each Other

Sixty-seven percent of pet owners say they understand their animals' woofs, meows, or other sounds, including 18 percent like King and Thibodeau who say they comprehend completely, according to an Associated Press-Petside.com poll released Wednesday, The Associated Press reports.

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### Biden Gets a Puppy, Pennsylvania Kennel Gets Citations

Last week, Vice President-elect Joe Biden purchased a German Shepherd Dog puppy from a Chester County kennel. This week, the kennel received citations from the state Department of Agriculture, NBC Philadelphia reports.

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### Hinsdale Greyhound Racetrack Closes

The Hinsdale Greyhound Park in New Hampshire shut down and filed for bankruptcy. The racetrack opened in 1958 as a seasonal harness track. It has featured only Greyhound races since 1985. This year, racing was cut back to just 50 days due to falling attendance. Hinsdale president Joseph Sullivan said the declining national economy drove the company to bankruptcy, The Associated Press reports.

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### Colorado Humane Society Under New Management

The family in charge of the Colorado Humane Society stepped down on Tuesday amid accusations of charity fraud, deception, and gross mismanagement. They're also accused of misrepresenting the organization as a "no-kill" shelter when euthanasia rates at times reached more than 25 percent in a month, thedenverchannel.com reports.

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### Assistant Fire Chief Charged With Puppy Beating

A Los Angeles County assistant fire chief has been charged with allegedly beating a neighbor's puppy so severely it had to be euthanized, The Associated Press reports.

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