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There's something about a Marley-like Lab; rapper DMX headed for jail for animal cruelty charge; and other news.

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There's Just Something About a Marley-like Lab

For decades, one of Dogdom's best-kept secrets was that sweet-natured Labradors have the capacity to lapse into moments (or hours) of staggering craziness. Indeed, until John Grogan spilled the beans in *Marley & Me* — the book and then the movie — about the exasperating energy and exuberance that simmers in many Labs, much of the world (mostly those who had never had a Lab) remained blissfully ignorant of the breed's yin (unparalleled lovability) and yang (stunning ability to upend all routine and plunder all things), USA Today reports. [Read now >>](#)

Rapper DMX Headed for Jail on Drug, Animal Cruelty Charge

Embattled rapper DMX faces at least 90 days in jail after pleading guilty on Tuesday to drug, theft and animal cruelty charges, Arizona prosecutors said. The rapper, whose real name is Earl Simmons, pleaded to three felony charges and one misdemeanor count in Maricopa County Superior Court under a deal to settle three criminal cases against him. He also agreed not to own any animals or possess firearms, Reuters reports. [Read now >>](#)

Vick's Dogs: The Good News Out of The Bad Newz Kennels

Since being rescued 20 months ago from the dogfighting ring financed by Michael Vick, all but a few of the abused pit bulls have been recovering in sanctuary, foster care and adoptive homes. Now, even the most traumatized of them can have a Happy New Year, Sports Illustrated reports. [Read now >>](#)

Joe Biden's Puppy Gets a Name

As promised, Joe Biden's grandchildren unveiled the name of his new German Shepherd puppy when the family gathered on Christmas morning. The puppy's brand-new name? Champ, according to Biden's spokeswoman, the Los Angeles Times reports. [Read now >>](#)

Fire Dog Investigates 100th Blaze

A specially-trained dog which is used to investigate the cause of fires has been hailed for his skills after he visited his 100th fire scene. CC the Labrador has helped to sniff out the cause of fires in Suffolk, Norfolk, Hertfordshire, Bedfordshire, London, Buckinghamshire and Cambridgeshire, BBC News (U.K.) reports. [Read now >>](#)