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Why “Marley” needs Cesar Millan; animal cruelty law tests free speech; and other news.

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Bad Dogs: Why ‘Marley & Me’ Needs Cesar Millan

It’s amazing how the modern media can help you improve your life. For example, you can watch TV shows such as “Dog Whisperer” or “It’s Me or the Dog” and learn all kinds of useful pointers on dealing with your misbehaving canine. And then you can trek to the No. 1 movie in America, “Marley & Me,” and forget everything you’ve been taught, the Los Angeles Times reports.

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Animal Cruelty Law Tests Free Speech

Is selling videos of dogfights and small animals being killed protected by the First Amendment? The Supreme Court is likely to address the issue soon in the case of Robert J. Stevens, a Virginia man sentenced to 37 months in prison under the law for selling videos of dogfights, The New York Times reports.

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Don’t Dump Your Dog When Times Are Tough

As the economy has tanked, most shelters are reporting not only a spike in what they call “owner surrenders,” pets given up by the owners (often because of finances), but also in pets being abandoned in buildings their owners are vacating, or let loose on the streets or in the country, USA Today reports.

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Puppy Theft: Have You Seen These Guys?

Sheriff’s deputies in Orange County, Calif., released photos Tuesday hoping to catch a crew of dognappers. Deputies have been investigating the theft of a 3-month-old, \$1,300 Golden Retriever for almost three weeks now. Sheriff Investigator Janet Strong said she “had no idea” whether these dognappers were violent or desperate men, the Orange County Register reports.

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Pit Bull Puppy Saves Family From Fire

A family in Hampton, Va., is thanking their 6-month-old pit bull puppy, Tiger, for saving their lives during a fast-moving house fire, WWLP 22News (Va.) reports.

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