

## The DogChannel Newswire (01-09-09)

**Dog sneaks into Mets' new stadium; rescued dog, ex-Marine foil car theft; and other news.**

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### Dog Can't Wait for Opening Day at Mets' Ballpark

Jackie the wily pooch is one New Yorker who just couldn't wait until opening day to see the Mets' new stadium. The stray dog was spotted sniffing around Citi Field for several days before animal control officers were sent Wednesday to rescue her. She led them on a run through the stadium, which is still under construction, The Associated Press reports.

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### Rescued Dog, Ex-Marine Foil Car Theft

A retired Marine officer chased a pair of car thieves Wednesday morning, according to San Diego police. Retired Lt. Col. Jay Kopelman told police that his dog Lava, who he rescued in Iraq and brought back to the U.S. when he returned from his deployment, alerted him early on Wednesday that his car thieves were stealing his wife's van from outside their home, MSNBC.com reports.

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### Bad Economy Leaves More Pets Homeless

A growing number of Americans are giving up their dogs and cats to animal shelters as the emotional bonds between people and pets get tested by economic ones. However, the Larimer, Colo., Humane Society isn't feeling the impact as much as shelters in other parts of the country, according to shelter spokeswoman Cary Rentola, who says the shelter still received 2.8 percent more animals in 2008 compared with 2007, The Associated Press reports.

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### Stolen Pup Returned to Owner

A yellow Labrador Retriever that was allegedly stolen by a man last month was reunited with its owner on Tuesday night. The 23-year-old man who allegedly stole the dog – worth \$1,300 – from a Stanton pet shop and gave the puppy to his girlfriend as a Christmas gift was arrested, according to authorities, NBSLosAngeles.com reports.

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### De-Icer Bad for Pets

De-icer is a common product used to clear snow and ice from sidewalks and driveways. But if used improperly, it can be harmful to pets and the ground. Experts say if you own pets, use de-icer without a chloride, which can actually burn pet's paws, MSNBC.com reports.

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