

## The DogChannel Newswire (01-15-09)

**Nationwide adoption drive waives fees; town keeps dogs off beach; and other news.**

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### One Day, 3,000 Adoptions From Pet Shelters, No Fees

They're pulling out all the stops next week — including giving pets to some adopters at no charge — in a nationwide effort to boost the number of shelter animals that find new homes, USA Today reports.

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### Town Keeps Canines Off the Beach

Don't take Max to the beach. It's illegal. And in Florida's Melbourne Beach it will remain that way — at least for now, Florida Today reports.

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### Musher Cruises to Victory in Sled Dog Race

The freight train that is the dog team of two-time defending Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race champion Lance Mackey powered its way to victory once again on Monday, the Anchorage Daily News reports.

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### Riverside County Supervisors OK Spay-Neuter and Microchip Policy for Dogs

Dog and cat owners in Riverside County, Calif., could face fines and mandatory neutering and microchipping of their pets under an ordinance passed Tuesday by county supervisors, The Californian reports.

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### L.A. Fire Official Pleads Not Guilty to Beating Dog

A Los Angeles County assistant fire chief pleaded not guilty to beating his neighbor's puppy so badly he had to be euthanized, The Sacramento Bee reports.

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