

## The DogChannel Newswire (01-24-09)

**Training the “Hotel for Dogs” crew; progress cited in NYC “no kill” goal; and other news.**

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### ‘Hotel for Dogs’ Crew Makes Treasure from Trash

The clever canine stars of the family comedy "Hotel for Dogs" had to learn more than sit, stay, fetch, and play dead. They had to become adept at sitting on toilets, herding mechanical sheep, and operating a vending machine filled with shoes, the Los Angeles Times reports.

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### Progress Cited in ‘No Kill’ Goal for Animals

The euthanasia rate for stray and abandoned cats and dogs that are taken to New York City’s animal shelters has steadily fallen to a projected 38 percent for 2008, down from 74 percent in 2002, giving advocates for animals hope that they will be able to meet an announced goal of bringing the rate to zero by 2015, The New York Times reports.

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### Biscuit the Dog Rescued from Icy River

An Indianapolis Fire Department diver rescued an injured dog who became trapped in the White River, MSNBC.com reports.

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### Fire Destroys Texas House; Dog, and Seven Pups Saved

No humans were home when Bryan, Texas, firefighters entered a burning house and heard cries for help. Fire Chief Mike Donoho says firefighters rescued a dog and her seven puppies, The Associated Press reports.

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### Puppy Survives Multiple Stabbings

A pit bull puppy was stabbed seven times with a sword in an attack that authorities said may have been committed by a man intending to cause pain to a former partner, The Associated Press reports.

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