

## The DogChannel Newswire (01-30-09)

**Pricey puppy pinched from N.Y. pet store; pet owners feel fiscal bite; and other news.**

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### Lancaster, Calif., Approves Mandatory Sterilization of Pit Bulls and Rottweilers

Lancaster city officials voted unanimously Tuesday to adopt an ordinance designed to discourage gangs by imposing penalties on the owners of dogs deemed "potentially dangerous" or "vicious," the Los Angeles Times reports.

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### Pricey Puppy Pinched From New York Pet Store

Police said a man asked to look at a \$1,500 miniature Doberman Pinscher puppy at a Yonkers, N.Y., pet store this week – and then ran out with the small brown female dog in his arms, Newsday.com reports.

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### 200 People Mourn Sacramento Sheriff's K9 Who Died Chasing Suspect

Even the dogs sounded sad. Nearly 200 people gathered Wednesday at the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department's Memorial Garden to bid farewell to Ado, the canine killed in the line of duty Jan. 18, the Sacramento Bee reports.

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### Pet Owners Feel Fiscal Bite, Emotional Pain

The costs associated with dog ownership, pet experts say, are becoming more difficult for some cash-strapped people to pay, USA Today reports.

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### Making Clients Drool

When it comes to making a dog at home among expensive furnishings and lush interiors, designer Carleton Varney is clearly on the side of the animal. "I don't think dogs are any messier than people," he said. "In fact, I don't think there are bad dogs ... only bad people," The New York Times reports.

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