

## The DogChannel Newswire (02-07-09)

**Wolves' color tied to dogs' gene mutation; neighbor pulls dog from icy pond; and other news.**

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### Wolves' Black Color Tied to Gene Mutation in Dogs

In a bit of genetic sleuthing, a team of researchers has determined that black wolves and coyotes in North America got their distinctive color from dogs who carried a gene mutation to the New World, The New York Times reports.

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### Massachusetts SPCA to Close Three Adoption Shelters, Cut Jobs

The Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals said that it would close three animal care and adoption centers and cut 46 positions, saying its finances had been hammered by the recession and collapsing stock markets, the Boston Globe reports.

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### 'Wendy and Lucy' a Moving Girl-Loves-Dog, Girl-Loses-Dog Tale

The director of the art-house girl-and-dog film "Wendy and Lucy" uses the bond between a girl and a girl's best friend to portray what our lower-middle-class life looks and feels like to an American who has gone into the margins, the Baltimore Sun reports.

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### Beagle Uno Poses as Westminster Show Braces for Slower Sales

Uno the Beagle, winner of the 2008 Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show, is back in New York after a yearlong victory lap that took him to opening pitch ceremonies at Major League Baseball games, the White House, and downtime on his ranch in Austin, Texas, Bloomberg.com reports.

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### Neighbors Rescue Man, Dog Trapped in Icy Pond

Neighbors pulled a 65-year-old man from a pond in Hamilton, Ohio, after the man fell through ice trying to save his dog, The Associated Press reports.

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