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Economic woes take bite out of Westminster; putting the hurt on pet abusers; and other news.

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Dog Health Concerns Spur New Breed Standards

Britain's Kennel Club has announced major reforms to breed standards and accepted breeding practices for purebred dogs. The changes come in response to concerns that purebred dogs have serious health problems as a result of breeding for the show ring, the Los Angeles Times reports.

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Former Westminster Winners Do Not Seem Past Their Prime

The Beagle, the Bull Terrier, the Miniature Poodle, the Bichon Frisé, and the English Springer Spaniel stood and sniffed together, a gathering of elite old-timers. Their Best in Show victories at the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show started with J. R., the Bichon Frisé, in 2001, and continued through to Uno, the Beagle, last year, The New York Times reports.

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Economic Woes Take a Bite out of Westminster

The nation's sagging economy has taken a bite out of the Westminster Kennel Club event. The show did not fill up its usual allotment of 2,500 entries in a single day, as usual. There were 2,486 (at \$75 per dog) going into the start of judging Monday, The Associated Press reports.

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Putting the Hurt on Pet Abusers

Los Angeles is seeing results from its efforts to crack down on violence against animals, the Los Angeles Times reports.

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Advice Columnist Warns Against Dating Pet Killer

Tribune column Ask Amy response notes pets are often victims in domestic violence cases.

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