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One of the best of the dog-handling breed; dog caught shoplifting in Utah; and other news.

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In Poodle Division, Maintenance of the Highest Order

A Poodle specialist makes many sacrifices in the service of a breed known as the divas of the dog world for their excitable temperaments and extensive grooming needs. Westminster contender Ch. Surrey Sweet Spice, for example, required six hours of prep time before entering the ring, The New York Times reports.

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Despite the Raw Meat and Drool, Rolex Is One to Watch at Westminster

Get a glimpse inside the Westminster dog show and Rolex, the slobbering Dogue de Bordeaux, with Los Angeles Times sports columnist T.J. Simers and videographer Myung J. Chun, as reported on latimes.com.

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One of the Best of the Dog-Handling Breed

Valerie Nunes-Atkinson shelled out \$2,300 in excess baggage charges when she flew from Los Angeles to New York. She'll hand over another \$2,300 for the trip back home. It'll be worth every penny if one of her many suitcases ends up holding a ribbon or trophy from the 133rd Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show, The Wall Street Journal reports.

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Animal Rights Group Dresses in KKK Garb Outside Dog Show

The animal rights group, which every year stages a protest at the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show, had two of its members dress in Ku Klux Klan garb outside Madison Square Garden on Monday, USA Today reports.

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Dog Caught Shoplifting in Utah

A shoplifter is caught on security cameras stealing from a grocery store in Utah. But it wasn't just any thief. It was an 11-year-old Siberian Husky named Akira, MSNBC.com reports.

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