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Senior-dog owners revel in Westminster win; dogs cut owners' cancer risk; and other news.

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California Lawmakers to Push Animal Welfare

From family pets to farm livestock, state lawmakers are crafting a broad and aggressive animal welfare agenda this year, the San Diego Union-Tribune reports.

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Owners of Older Dogs Revel in Westminster Winner

As Stump, the oldest dog ever to win Best in Show at Westminster, took a victory tour of Manhattan on Wednesday, owners of older dogs reveled in the triumph of a senior dog, The New York Times reports.

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Fido on the Roof

An animal control officer handled an unusual call on a recent morning: A caller reported a dog had used a snow bank in the backyard to walk right up onto the roof, the Minot (N.D.) Daily News reports.

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Dog Who Shoplifted Is Brought to Justice

The canine shoplifter who made off with a rawhide bone from a Salt Lake City-area store in December and became an Internet superstar in the process has turned herself in (with some prodding, no doubt, from her owners), the Los Angeles Times reports.

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Cats and Dogs Cut Their Owners' Cancer Risk, Researchers Say

Owning a pet can reduce the chances of developing a form of cancer by nearly a third, researchers claim, the Daily Mail (U.K.) reports.

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