

## The DogChannel Newswire (02-18-09)

**California city checks for unlicensed canines; groomer helps dogs find homes; and other news.**

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### California City Checks for Unlicensed Dogs

Animal control workers in Long Beach, Calif., are going house-to-house in search of unlicensed dogs in what is turning into an unusual census of the area's dog population, the Los Angeles Times reports.

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### Fresh Grooming Helps Dogs Find New Homes

A Calumet City, Ill., dog groomer volunteers her services to the Humane Society in Chicago Heights, the Southtown Star reports.

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### Dog Lovers Give Columnist Something to Chew On

Reader reaction is strong to the T.J. Simers column in Los Angeles Times on 133rd Annual Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show in New York, the newspaper reports.

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### Taking 'Peternity' Leaves

Some pet owners can actually get company-blessed time off for pet-related matters, in what are dubbed "peternity" leaves, according to the Sloan Work and Family Research Network blog, The Wall Street Journal reports.

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### Of Dogs and People

A lifetime watching the aging of pets provides their owner with some insights on life and death, the Los Angeles Times reports.

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