

## The DogChannel Newswire (02-20-09)

**Dangerous dog disease on the rise in Florida; owners struggle to pay for pets; and other news.**

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### Bridge Jumper Who Killed Police Dog Draws Prison Term

A man who took an Oceanside, Calif., police dog to his death when he fell from the San Diego-Coronado Bridge in 2007 was sentenced to three years, eight months in prison, the San Diego Union-Tribune reports.

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### No Charges After Dog Frozen to Ground in Michigan

The Houghton County prosecutor won't file charges against the owner of a 100-pound dog found frozen to the ground in the Upper Peninsula community of Hancock, The Associated Press reports.

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### Dangerous Dog Disease On The Rise in Tampa Bay, Fla.

Leptospirosis, a dog disease that veterinarians rarely saw five or 10 years ago, makes a comeback in the Tampa Bay area, MSNBC.com reports.

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### Chicago, Suburban Pet Owners Look for Place to Turn When Food Runs Out

The worsening economy means many pet owners can no longer afford the cost of food and care for their four-legged companions, the Chicago Tribune reports.

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### Fire Damages Pet Shelter; Animals OK

Authorities say no animals were hurt in a fire that damaged a Grand Forks, N.D., pet shelter, The Associated Press reports.

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