

## The DogChannel Newswire (02-27-09)

**Helmsley's fortune may not all go to dogs; puppy love – at your fingertips; and other news.**

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### Not All of Helmsley's Trust Has to Go to Dogs

The judge overseeing the probate of the hotelier Leona Helmsley's will has ruled that, contrary to her wishes, the billions of dollars that will flow into the charitable trust she created do not have to be spent solely for the care and welfare of dogs, The New York Times reports.

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### Local Governments Confront Dangerous Pets

Cities and states are updating their animal control laws after a spate of violent and bizarre animal incidents, including Michael Vick's dogfighting ring in 2007 and last week's attack by Travis the chimpanzee in Connecticut, USA Today reports.

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### Puppy Love – At Your Fingertips

Dogs have not only had star billing in Hollywood recently due to a string of canine movies like "Hotel for Dogs," "Marley & Me," and "Beverly Hills Chihuahua," but are also becoming more prevalent in videogames with a list of new doggie games, Reuters reports.

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### Lawmakers Offer Dozens of Critter-Related Bills

Among the lengthy list of animal-related bills filed this session are tougher laws for participating – or watching – cockfighting, and efforts to include pets in familial protective orders, not to mention pit bull proposals, the Houston Chronicle reports.

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### Puppy Saved After Being Thrown From Car

A 6-week-old puppy is on the mend in Anthem, Ariz., after being thrown out of a moving car, MSNBC.com reports.

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