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Dog rescued after icy fall onto Missouri River; veterinarian saves abused dog; and other news.

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Dog Rescued After Icy Fall Onto Missouri River

A young dog, injured and hypothermic, spent two hours on the frozen Missouri River after plunging 60 feet off a bridge before being saved by a firefighter who walked onto the perilous ice clad in a rescue suit and tethered to a rope. The dog, a male black and brown Mixed Breed weighing 30 pounds, suffered nerve damage in its right leg and a broken toe on its right paw, but is expected to fully recover, the Great Falls (Mont.) Tribune reports.

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Veterinarian Saves Abused Dog

A mixed-breed dog that was severely injured after being dragged behind a vehicle has been given a second shot at life. Nursed back to health by veterinarians in Bristow, Okla., Sammy, a small brown dog, has now been adopted, and is in a good home. He still goes to the Bristow Veterinary Hospital once a week for checkups, the Associated Press reports.

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Nebraska Police Dogs to Have New Place to Train

Police dogs in some Omaha-area communities now have a new place to train in Bellevue. The 80,000 square-foot facility gives officers a place to train and store equipment all in one location - something they couldn't do before, the Associated Press reports.

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Pet Food Bank Keeps Animal Rescues Afloat

After Hurricane Katrina struck in 2005, Houston businessman John Kane, an animal lover, went to New Orleans to help rescue pets, build temporary kennels and set up living quarters for other volunteers. Credit for rescuing pets, along with a spike in donations, went to large, well-known animal welfare groups. But Kane said much of the work was done by shoestring, mom-and-pop animal rescue and foster groups, the Houston Chronicle reports.

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Police Quarantine Pets From Apartments Near Alleged Meth Lab

Longmont police evacuated a six-unit apartment building after tests conducted by the Boulder County Health Department showed contamination from a suspected meth lab had seeped into the entire building, TheDenverChannel.com reports.

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