

## The DogChannel Newswire (03-04-09)

**Dog feces, lazy owners spark poop group; Water Dog owners fear new fame; and other news.**

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### Dog Feces and Lazy Owners Spark 'Poop Group'

Dog walkers that don't pick up after their pets fuel disgust and action in Bristol, R.I., EastBayRI.com reports.

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### Iditarod Set to Begin for Mushers and the Real Athletes – Their Dogs

The Iditarod Sled Dog Trail Race begins Saturday in Anchorage, Ala., so it's only a matter of time before someone or some animal rights group cries out about cruelty to canines, the Los Angeles Times reports.

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### Water Dog Owners Fear Their New Fame

Some Portuguese Water Dog owners aren't thrilled the breed is a front-runner for the first family, The Associated Press reports.

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### Black Dog Syndrome: Harder to Find Homes for Darker Pups

Animal shelters say darker dogs are harder to place because "everybody likes the flashy colors," the Chicago Sun-Times reports.

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### Dog Stranded by Trucker's Death Offered a Way Home

A puppy stranded in Nebraska by the death of a trucker is getting a flight home to California, The Associated Press reports.

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