

## The DogChannel Newswire (03-07-09)

**History of the Iditarod; L.A. officials to devise dog breeding regulations; and other news.**

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### A Brief History of the Iditarod

It's an epic challenge for man and man's best friend: the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race, which begins Saturday, is a grueling 1,150-mile trek in which a human captain (or musher) and an average of 16 dogs brave Alaska's frozen tundra and icy forests to compete for \$69,000, a new truck, and the honor of conquering one of the country's last frontiers, TIME magazine reports.

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### Officials in Los Angeles to Devise Dog Breeding Regulations

Los Angeles County supervisors instructed officials to draft new regulations for dog breeding kennels. The Board of Supervisors' decision this week comes amid an explosion in so-called puppy mills in the Antelope Valley area, The Associated Press reports.

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### Family Dog Who Killed Arizona Baby Euthanized

Animal control officials euthanized a Chow mix Thursday after he fatally mauled a 2-week-old girl in east Mesa, Ariz., as she lay in a bassinet Wednesday, The Arizona republic reports.

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### Rabid Dog Destroyed; Six People Getting Shots

Alaska health officials say a trainer and five others who had close contact with a rabid dog are receiving shots to prevent rabies, The Associated Press reports.

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### Man Who Stabbed Dog Sentenced to Year in Jail

A Mission Viejo, Calif., man who repeatedly stabbed a pit bull puppy with a sword after a fight with his girlfriend has been sentenced to a year in jail, The Associated Press reports.

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