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Shaved Golden Retriever for “first dog”; woman loses \$3,000 in puppy scam; and other news.

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Congressman Touts Shaved Golden Retriever for First Dog

There's been no shortage of advice at the annual gathering of allergists in Washington when it comes to the Obama family's hunt for a hypoallergenic “first dog,” the Washington Post reports.

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Florida Woman Loses \$3,000 in International Puppy Scam

A Lehigh Acres, Fla., woman was a victim of a reported international puppy scam, according to reports with the Lee County Sheriff's Office, the News-Press (Fla.) reports.

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Charges Dropped in Pit Bull Mauling

A judge has dropped a felony charge against a San Jose, Calif., man whose pit bull badly injured a neighbor in 2008 as he tried to protect his dog, authorities said, the San Francisco Chronicle reports.

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Petland Is Accused of Scheme to Sell Sick Puppies

An animal protection group has accused the Petland Inc. pet store chain of scheming to sell sick puppies bred in filthy conditions to thousands of unsuspecting people, The Associated Press reports.

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Rabies Outbreak in Angola, Caused by Roaming Dogs, Kills 93 Children

Roaming packs of dogs have been blamed in a severe rabies outbreak in Luanda, the capital of Angola, that has killed at least 93 children in three months, according to the United Nations, The New York Times reports.

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