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Dogs – not chimps – most like humans; spotlight on fat dogs; and other news.

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Dogs (Not Chimps) Most Like Humans

Chimpanzees share many of our genes, but dogs have lived with us for so long and undergone so much domestication that they now serve as a model for understanding human social behavior, according to a new paper, Discovery News reports.

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Spotlight on Fat Cats – and Dogs

One in three pets is overweight and most owners don't think they can do anything about it, according to a survey, the Press Association reports.

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Woman Hides Dog Bite; Dies of Infection

An 80-year-old Alameda, Calif., woman died three days after she was bitten in the hand by a dog, authorities said Thursday, the San Francisco Chronicle reports.

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Spokane May Downsize Animal Control Services

The mayor of Spokane, Wash., Mary Verner, says the city may have to downsize animal care services or ask voters again for more money, The Associated Press reports.

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War Medal for Dog Rip, Who Saved 100 People, May Fetch \$14,400

Rip, a stray dog who became a World War II hero after being found homeless and starving in a bombing raid in London, will be remembered at an auction next month, Bloomberg reports.

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