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Family survives fire thanks to pit bull; pets wait out flood in shelters; and other news.

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Family Survives Fire Thanks to Neighborhood Pit Bull

A barking pit bull alerted a family of five to a smoldering fire in the basement of an Alexandria townhouse this weekend, fire officials said, The Washington Post reports.

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Sit and Stay: Pets Wait Out North Dakota Flood in Shelters

Chased from their homes by the menacing Red River, Davis and Delbert took a break from their cramped quarters inside a makeshift shelter to enjoy a walk in the brisk air. Fargo, N.D., has been under siege by record flooding caused by an enormous winter snowfall that melted and combined with more precipitation, The Associated Press reports.

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Prison Employs Dangerous Dogs

Nobody has broken out of the Idaho State Correctional Institution in more than 20 years. Prison officials like to think a hard-bitten corps of sentries with names like Cookie, Bongo, and Chi Chi has had something to do with that, The Associated Press reports.

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Fido Makes Friends, and So Does His Owner

For the unassuming, a city dog park is merely a gravel or concrete fenced-in park. But for thousands of Windy City canines, these parks are paradise, the Chicago Sun-Times reports.

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New Jersey Man Gets Probation for Deaths of 68 Pets

By the end of the day, the remains of 68 animals, including dogs, cats, and turtles, were found in the home where Matthew and Amanda Teymant once lived, The Associated Press reports.

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