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Pets, owners challenged by allergies; dog owners do look like their pets; and other news.

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Pets, Owners Challenged by Increasing Allergies

Pet allergies are more common than people think. About 10 percent of dogs have allergies, said Sandra Diaz, an assistant professor of dermatology at the Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine at Virginia Tech, CNN.com reports.

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Dog Owners Do Look Like Their Pets, Say Psychologists

Researchers found that members of the public could predict which breed of dog a person would own almost twice as accurately as they should be able to, just by looking at a photo of their owners, Telegraph.co.uk reports.

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At 76, She Has a Nose for Troubled Kennels

Helen Smith has been infiltrating kennels for close to a decade, scoping out conditions, rescuing animals, and informing authorities of what she finds, the Philadelphia Inquirer reports.

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How to Introduce a New Baby to Your Dogs

Animal experts agree there are two important transitions that occur when a baby arrives: first, the initial introduction, and, second, when the baby becomes mobile, CNN.com reports.

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Pets Feel the Recession, Too

Now even the wealthiest dog owners have to cut their budgets and sometimes abandon their dogs entirely, The New York Times reports.

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