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Students read to shaggy dog; pet food hard to identify in blind taste test; and other news.

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Students Read Tales to Shaggy Dog

Children are reading books to dogs as part of a scheme to improve literacy. Sarah Ellis takes her dogs Charlie and Saffron to her local primary school and library for sessions with youngsters. She is the first person in Wales to qualify with the Reading Education Assistance Dogs scheme, which is popular in the USA and Canada, BBCNews.co.uk reports.

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Thirteen Dogs Seized; Fugitive Arrested

Thirteen pit bulls and five guns were seized after officers discovered an alleged dogfighting operation in Mississippi while arresting a fugitive wanted in a Chicago gang killing, authorities said Thursday, the Clarion (Miss.) Ledger reports.

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Dog-Betting Bill Races to Finish

Racetracks and off-track-betting parlors are closing in on a big win at the Colorado state Capitol. The House and Senate have approved Senate Bill 174, a measure that enables tracks and betting shops to take wagers on out-of-state Greyhound races even if live dog races aren't held in Colorado, The Denver Post reports.

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Breeders Say Seized Dogs Were Cared For

The 70 dogs seized Monday from a Mason, Mich.-area breeder were well fed and cared for, according to local breeders who have seen them. And, a woman who specializes in rescuing dogs agrees with the breeders, the Lansing State Journal reports.

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The Taste of Dog Food? It's Harder Than You Think to Identify

Pâté or dog food? Either could be yummy. That's because you probably wouldn't be able to differentiate which is which in a blind tasting, according to a study scheduled to be released Friday by the American Assn. of Wine Economists, the Los Angeles Times reports.

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