

## The DogChannel Newswire (05-12-09)

**Therapy dogs may fetch hospital germs; airport uses dogs to chase birds off runway; and other news.**

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### Therapy Dogs May Fetch Hospital Germs

A new study of pet therapy dogs shows just how easily hospital germs can be transmitted to visitors, The New York Times reports.

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### Oregon Airport Uses Dogs to Chase Birds Off Runway

The airport serving Coos Bay on the Oregon coast is taking care of its bird problems with a Border Collie named Filly, The Associated Press reports.

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### Dog Plays Mom to Orphaned Kittens

Australian Shepherd Lakota Lou immediately claimed four orphaned kittens as her own, King5.com reports.

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### Puppy Eats ABC Magnets

A puppy in England had to undergo emergency surgery after eating several alphabet fridge magnets, United Press International reports.

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### Man Arrested for Allegedly Choking Dog

A man was behind bars in Sausalito, Calif., after witnesses said they saw him choking a dog and sticking the animal's head under water, KTLA News (Calif.) reports.

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