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Orangutan and dog are best friends; man accused of online puppy scam; and other news.

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Man Accused of Online Puppy Scam

A Wisconsin woman wired \$1,400 to Everett Smith Jr., of North College Hill, Ohio, and anxiously awaited the English Bulldog she hoped would be the love of her life, Cincinnati.com reports.

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Animal Odd Couple: Orangutan and Dog are Best Friends

Suryia the orangutan and Roscoe the Bluetick Coonhound swim, play and walk together, ABC News reports.

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Pets Find Shelter From the Fire

With thousands of pet owners in Santa Barbara, Calif., it was only a matter of time until animal shelters would start to feel the ramifications of fire evacuees with no place for their pets, the Santa Barbara Independent reports.

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Bat Found Near Puppies Was Rabid

Columbia County, Ga., reported its sixth rabies case of 2009 on Thursday after a bat that came in contact with two unvaccinated puppies tested positive for the disease, the Augusta (Ga.) Chronicle reports.

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Jury Deliberating Fate of Man Accused of Killing Dog With Hammer

The fate of a Milpitas, Calif., man accused of killing his girlfriend's Cocker Spaniel with a hammer in 2007 now rests with a jury. A conviction would be the third strike for Alex Castro, who could spend the rest of his life in prison, the San Jose (Calif.) Mercury News reports.

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