

## The DogChannel Newswire (05-19-09)

**Chicago police dog scared of thunder returns; N.J. animal shelter must temporarily halt operations; and other news.**

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### Chicago Police Dog Scared of Thunder Returns

A Chicago police dog named Bear who is apparently a scaredy cat when it comes to thunder is back home after going AWOL during a storm, the Associated Press reports.

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### Stray Dogs on Upswing in Surprise, Ariz.

Animal-control workers in Surprise, Ariz., and across Maricopa County have seen a steady increase in stray dogs as residents cope with foreclosures and financial troubles, county records reveal, the Arizona Republic reports.

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### L.A. Animal Services to Increase Fees

The Los Angeles City Council recently approved an ordinance that would allow Animal Services to increase fees for services such as pet adoptions and breeding permits, the Los Angeles Times reports.

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### Hawaii About to Expand Laws Protecting Animals From Cruelty

Animals can be shielded by temporary restraining orders and will receive greater protection from pet hoarders after Hawaii lawmakers passed two pieces of legislation aimed at expanding and clarifying animal cruelty laws, the Honolulu Advertiser reports.

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### New Jersey Animal Shelter Must Temporarily Halt Operations

A New Jersey animal shelter has been directed to temporarily halt operations because it's overcrowded and needs to be renovated, the Associated Press reports.

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