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More companies offering “pet perks”; stolen dog returned to owner; and other news.

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Dog Stolen in Oak Park But Returns Home

An Oak Park, Ill., man's dog was stolen from him May 30, but the dog returned home a short time later, police said. The man was walking the dog at 12:45 a.m. in an alley when a man with a gun demanded that he hand over his dog, a pit bull-Beagle mix, police said, the Chicago Tribune reports.

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More Companies Offering 'Pet Perks' to Employees

Amidst layoffs, furloughs and pay cuts, an increasing number of companies are offering pet insurance to their employees as part of their benefits packages — a trend that supports our society's growing acceptance of companion animals as family members, the San Francisco Chronicle reports.

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Dogfighting Suspected in Pit Bull's Burning

The pit bull set on fire in West Baltimore last month might have been part of a dogfighting operation, Baltimore's top police official said Tuesday. Police Commissioner Frederick H. Bealefeld III said there were indications that dog fighting "may have been at the core" of the case, but he declined to elaborate, the Baltimore Sun reports.

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Little Ditty About ... Dogs?

Bob Dorman got swept up in dog love when he was already far into his 40s. And that caused a sensible businessman who dabbled in music at home at night to somehow be driven to create — with the help of some extraordinary musicians — a CD full of tunes from the canine perspective, USA Today reports.

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Stolen Dog Returned to Owner

An English Bulldog reported missing by his owner was found less than a week later with the assistance of a pet-locating service. Dennise Helms, of Newark, N.J., first noticed her 7-month-old dog was missing the morning of May 29. The dog had been implanted with a microchip, and when Helms contacted helpmefindmypet.com to activate the chip, she was sent more than 300 posters advertising the missing dog, the Newark Advocate reports.

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