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Chihuahuas confront cougar in garage; prison inmates train service dogs; and other news.

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Chihuahuas Confront Cougar in SoCal Garage

A woman got the surprise of her life when she walked into her garage to see why her dogs were barking. She found a full-grown mountain lion. Ana Lee Spray, 23, says her three Chihuahuas were barking so loudly that it woke her up Saturday morning, KTLA-TV (Los Angeles, Calif.) reports.

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Dog Saves Orlando Man From Fire

A hearing-impaired man is crediting his service dog with saving his life from a fire. Darrin Weeks says his dog Roscoe jumped on the bed Sunday to wake him after a fire broke out in the building of his Orlando duplex, The Associated Press reports.

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Suspected Bank Robber Arrested While Walking Dog

Police have arrested a suspected bank robber after spotting him walking his dog near his Rancho Bernardo, Calif., home. San Diego police spokeswoman Monica Munoz says a man wearing a beanie pulled over his face with one eye-hole cut out entered a Bank of America Friday morning and demanded money with a note, The Associated Press reports.

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Prison Inmates Work to Train Service Dogs

A 10-year program that has prison inmates training service dogs has made its way through nine Massachusetts prisons and one federal facility. NewsCenter 5's Shiba Russell was granted access to one and found that the puppies are transforming a prison from the inside and out, TheBostonChannel.com reports.

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Flushed Puppy Freed From Pipes

A British woman said her 10-week-old puppy survived a trip through her house's plumbing after her young son accidentally flushed the small dog down the toilet. Alison Blair, 40, said her young son, Daniel, dropped the puppy into the commode at their Northolt, England, home for a bath after he became muddy during a walk and the dog disappeared down the drain, United Press International reports.

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