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Hotel chain drops dog weight limits; famous Akita at center of new movie; and other news.

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Joie de Vivre Drops Dog Weight Limits

Joie de Vivre, California's largest boutique hotel collection, has made canine check-ins at its pet-friendly hotels even more welcoming for dogs and their owners. At its 15 pet-friendly boutique properties in the San Francisco Bay Area and Southern California, dog owners can now take their pets along without worrying about weight limit restrictions or pet fees being imposed for their stay, Hotels Magazine reports.

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One-Dog Policy in Chinese City Forces Tough Choice

Mrs. Chen can't imagine abandoning one of her two best friends: her scruffy terrier mutt and a white fluffy Pekingese mix with buggy eyes. But that's what the government in this southern Chinese city wants the middle-aged housewife to do when a one-dog policy takes effect in Guangzhou, The Associated Press reports.

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Famous Akita at Center of Moving 'Dog's Story'

Tearjerkers about lovable dogs are almost always box-office winners, as "Marley & Me" proved last year. Lasse Hallstrom's "Hachiko: A Dog's Story" might not match that film's performance, but it seems certain to win an appreciative family audience. At the Seattle International Film Festival, where the film recently received its North American premiere, sounds of sniffing permeated the large auditorium, Reuters reports.

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Bear Drops By for Dog Food Snack

A Colorado couple said a bear entered their house through a dog door, ignored their barking pooch and ate all of his dog food before leaving. Brenda Freeman said she and her husband heard their dog make a strange noise at about 10:30 p.m. Sunday at their home and they opened the door to their mudroom to find a bear standing "two feet away" from Freeman's husband, United Press International reports.

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Microchip in Saint Bernard May Help Solve Hingham Mystery

A microchip imbedded in a Saint Bernard may help Hingham, Mass., police solve the mystery of a man who went for a walk in the woods on Wednesday with the dog and disappeared. A Nebraska company manufactured the microchip, which is used by people to find lost dogs, the Boston Globe reports.

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