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More pets partake in weddings; California lost dog linked to Saudi Arabia; and other news.

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Courts Overturn Crime Dog Convictions

A Florida tracker who testified his German Shepherd Dog could follow scents through water years after they were left has been discredited, officials say. Three of the Brevard County men that John Preston helped convict have had their guilty verdicts overturned and a national legal group has just taken up the case of a fourth man, United Press International reports.
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Puppy Love: More Pets Partake in Even Formal Weddings

Wedding attendants are going to the dogs. Pet-loving couples are increasingly including their dogs (and other pets, to a much lesser degree) in the wedding parties of some very formal weddings — decking them out in silk and satin and including them in the receiving line, on the program and in the portraits, USA Today reports.
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Woman Locates Dog Using Automated Phone Calling System

When Waltham resident Alexis Moran discovered her six-year-old American Eskimo Dog Sasha was missing, she did what most pet owners would do: She scoured the neighborhood, made fliers, called around. After a few hours of frantic searching, Moran received a suggestion: Try a new automated calling service that can alert thousands of people to look for a missing pet within minutes, the Boston Globe reports.
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First Dog a Sales Boon for Canine Breed

President Barack Obama's decision to tab a Portuguese Water Dog as his family's pet has prompted a boost of interest in the canine breed, experts say. Portuguese Water Dog Club of America officials said since Bo the PWD joined the Obama family, requests for the breed have increase by 100 percent in the United States compared with the previous year, United Press International reports.
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Lost Dog Linked to Saudi Arabia

A "sweetheart" of a dog now in a California shelter may be really, really far from home. His microchip says the knee-high, light tan Saluki came from Saudi Arabia. The neutered dog taken to a Carlsbad animal shelter last week has an implanted microchip that was sold to the U.S. Military Training Mission, headquartered in Riyadh, The Associated Press reports.
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