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Dogs helping injured soldiers; Massachusetts town exiles barking dog; and other news.

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Dogs Helping Injured Soldiers Under Government Program

A new Veterans Administration program adopts dogs from animal shelters, trains them and matches them with wounded warriors home from Iraq and Afghanistan to help with their recovery. For Army Specialist Cameron Briggs, his dog will be trained to help him find his wallet, cell phone and keys, which he habitually loses because of cognitive memory loss, The Associated Press reports.

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Mass. Town Exiles Barking Dog

A North Attleboro, Mass., man was ordered to find a new home for his German Shepherd Dog following dozens of complaints about the animal's noisy barking. Town selectmen voted unanimously to give the dog the boot after receiving complaints for four years from neighbors who live near 28 Smith St. The dog's owner was given 10 days to find a new home for the animal outside of North Attleboro or surrender him to an animal shelter, TheBostonChannel.com reports.

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Dog Eats Passport; Student Forced to Stay Home

Twenty minutes before Jon Meier was set to depart for a long-anticipated trip with his Spanish class to Peru, his mother delivered some bad news: The dog had eaten his passport. Actually, the dog didn't eat the whole thing. "He had chewed a little bit off the corner," said Meier, the (Wis.) Eau Claire Leader-Telegram reports.

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Golden Retriever Raises Kittens Like They're Her Own

Looking for the perfect kitten? (Or better yet, a pair of kittens?) Call Rosie the Golden Retriever. Rosie, who is a little over a year and a half old, raises homeless kittens for Island Cat Resources and Adoption, the San Jose Mercury News reports.

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Puppy Rescued From St. Petersburg Drain Pipe

The St. Petersburg, Fla., Fire Department rescued a puppy from a drainage pipe Monday afternoon. The fire department says they got a phone call that a puppy was stuck in a drain. The puppy, named Gucci, escaped from his house, ran across the street and hid in a drainage pipe, ABC Action News reports.

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