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Boston dog park plan has bite; puppy rescued from rush hour traffic; and other news.

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Dog Park Plan Has Bark, and Bite

Add to beat patrols, crime watches, and flashing blue lights a new crime-fighting tool: the dog park. Backed by police, neighborhoods across Boston that want to establish a space for their four-legged friends have been pitching it not as just a place to give their pets some exercise, but a way to cut down on drug deals and loitering, The Boston Globe reports.

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Fireman Kills Pet to Save on Boarding

A firefighter in Columbus, Ohio, admits that he took his two dogs to the basement, tied them up and shot them with a rifle so he and a girlfriend could vacation without paying to board the animals, The Columbus Dispatch reports.

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Puppy Rescued From Rush Hour Traffic

A different breed of commuter got stuck in the Reno rush hour Tuesday morning. While a young dog attempted to cross Interstate 80 during the morning rush hour, it became scared and stopped in the center of the freeway between the two cement jersey walls that separate east and west-bound traffic, KRNV reports.

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Unlicensed Dog Breeders Targeted by Missouri Initiative

On Monday, the Missouri Attorney General's Office and the Missouri Department of Agriculture unveiled the second part of a statewide initiative to crack down on unlicensed dog breeders. Coined "Prosecution Bark Alert," the initiative works to identify and prosecute previously identified unlicensed breeding facilities, the Southeast Missourian reports.

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