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Raleigh, N.C., makes it a crime to tether dogs; K9 officers sue for overtime; and other news.

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Houston K9 Officers Sue for Overtime for Dogs' Care

At least fifty Houston police officers who worked with police canine units have filed a federal lawsuit seeking overtime wages and compensation tied to the care of the dogs they were assigned, the Houston Chronicle reports.

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What's Behind Those Puppy Dog Eyes?

Many dog owners have had this experience: Arriving home, they discover their pooch looking sheepish, with ears pulled back, tail tucked between the legs, maybe slinking behind the sofa. Puzzled, they soon discover the reason: a favorite pair of shoes chewed to pieces, or perhaps the kitchen garbage can upended. But is their canine companion really acting guilty? The Washington Post reports.

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Rare Dog Has New Home After Hunt for Owner Ends

A Saluki with potential ties to the military and Saudi Arabia has a new owner after efforts to locate his previous caretaker proved unsuccessful, county animal officials said Wednesday. The tan 5-year-old dog was found wandering along a road in Southern California, the San Diego Union-Tribune reports.

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Off-Leash Hours in Parks Still Need Working Out

Nearly two months after Baltimore's City Council voted to pursue creating off-leash dog hours in some parks, officials are still wrangling over the realities of making it happen. Recreation and Parks Director Wanda S. Durden said Wednesday that her department has zeroed in on four city parks where dogs could lawfully be off-leash during certain times, The Baltimore Sun reports.

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Raleigh Dog Law Makes It a Crime to Tie Up Dogs

Starting July 1st, it is now a crime to tie up dogs in the city limits of Raleigh, N.C., for more than three hours in a 24-hour period in an attempt to keep dogs from being left out in the open for too long. The new rule would fine dog owners \$100 a day and would result in misdemeanor criminal charges being filed against the dog owner, The Raleigh Telegram reports.

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