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Ailing pets propel advances in care; rare lepto bug worries New York dog owners; and other news.

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Wanted: Volunteer Detectives, Only Dogs Need Apply

Jame and Richy help bust drug smugglers and guard royal events in Thailand. These law enforcement volunteers are also great at sitting and fetching. The German Shepherd Dog and Labrador Retriever are graduates of a boot camp for canines run by the Royal Thai Police to help pet owners with basic obedience training, but to also create a network of doggie detectives to boost its own ranks, Reuters reports.

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Ailing Pets Propel Profusion of Care

Veterinary medicine isn't just about spaying or neutering your pet anymore. Companion animals now can get MRI exams, ultrasounds, cruciate ligament repairs, hip replacement surgery and other specialized procedures. Animal lovers have more options than ever to keep their pets happy and healthy, but these improvements in the level of care come at a price, The Buffalo News reports.

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Rare Lepto Bug Worries New York Dog Owners

After reports this week that two Brooklyn dogs died of a disease that has hospitalized dozens more, veterinarians and dog owners are on high alert for leptospirosis, an infectious illness that rarely strikes the city in high numbers, the New York daily News reports.

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Pet Psychics Unleash Animal Companions' Thoughts

Cathy Stevens has always been a believer. That's why she jumped at the chance for a rare phone consultation with pet psychic Sonya Fitzpatrick, a service that typically costs \$300 for 30 minutes. It's not as if anything is really wrong with Stevens' two rescue dogs, Roger and Henry; rather, these terriers are living the good life. Stevens just needed to know that her "boys" are happy, the Houston Chronicle reports.

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