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Dogs lift patients' spirits; woman gets probation, fine for barking dogs; and other news.

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Dogs Lift Patients' Spirits at Edward Hospital

Started in February 2002 with 15 teams of dogs and handlers, Edward Hospital's Animal-Assisted Therapy program recently celebrated its 100,000th patient visit. The program has 84 dogs of 40 breeds, the Chicago Tribune reports.

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Informants Helped Agents Infiltrate Dogfights

Undercover agents tipped off by informants infiltrated the illegal world of dogfighting by attending underground fights, leading to the arrest of at least a dozen people in several states during raids last week, court documents show, The Associated Press reports.

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Woman Gets Three Years Probation, \$940 Fine for Barking Dogs

Renee Maurer was sentenced to three years' probation and a \$940 fine Wednesday in Phoenix Municipal Court for allowing her dogs to disturb the peace of her neighborhood. Several neighbors filed a petition earlier this year to have Maurer prosecuted in court for her barking Pomeranian and Miniature Poodle, The Arizona Republic reports.

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Missing Drug-Sniffing Dog Found

The search is over for Ivo. The Jim Wells County, Texas, drug-sniffing dog who turned up missing from a fenced yard on Fourth of July has been located. Veterinarian Glen Wilkinson says Ivo has a broken shoulder blade and a tick-related disease, The Associated Press reports.

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Fight Over Barking Dog Leads to Manslaughter Charges

An Abington, Mass., man was arraigned Wednesday on an upgraded charge of manslaughter after the man he allegedly punched for complaining about his barking dog died from severe head injuries, The Boston Globe reports.

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