

## The DogChannel Newswire (07-21-09)

**Five-legged dog saved from freak show; the origin of dogs with short legs; and other news.**

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### Five-Legged Pup Saved From Freak Show

A North Carolina woman saved a five-legged puppy from life in a freak show, but it came at a steep cost. Allyson Siegel paid a cool \$4,000 for a six-week-old Chihuahua-terrier mix, after hearing the dog's owner was selling her to a Coney Island freak show operator, AOL News reports.

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### South Korea Deploys Cloned Drug-Sniffing Dogs

South Korea has put cloned dogs on patrol to sniff out drugs at customs. Six genetic duplicates of a single Labrador Retriever have been working at the country's main Incheon international airport and three other customs checkpoints to deter drug smuggling after completing 16 months of training, The Associated Press reports.

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### The Origin of Dachshunds and Other Dogs With Short Legs

A single evolutionary event appears to explain the short, curved legs that characterize all of today's Dachshunds, Corgis, Basset Hounds and at least 16 other breeds of dogs, a team led by the National Human Genome Research Institute, reported Monday.

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### Franken Looks to Increase Number of Service Dogs for Vets

In his first piece of legislation as Minnesota's junior senator, Al Franken is looking to expand the number of service dogs available to wounded veterans. The dogs' companionship, Franken said, provides invaluable health benefits &mdash; both physical and emotional &mdash; to veterans suffering from debilitating injuries and psychological disorders, FOXNews.com reports.

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### Prison Seeks Teacher for Dog-Grooming Program

In a dog-eat-dog job market, teaching canine grooming might be the answer &mdash; for one person anyway. The Decatur Correctional Center in Ill., a medium-security facility for women, needs a new teacher for its vocational program that trains inmates in dog grooming, the Chicago Tribune reports.

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