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Pets paying price of economy gone to the dogs; the fur flies with Pet Airways; and other news.

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U.K. Police Officer Sued Over Dog Deaths

A British animal welfare charity said Tuesday it is launching legal proceedings against a police officer whose two police dogs died when he left them in a hot car last month. The Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals said it would sue the officer for causing unnecessary suffering to the two animals, CNN International reports.

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Babies as Young as Six Months Can Understand Dogs' Barks

You may not understand what your dog is trying to tell you, but your baby might. Infants as young as six months old can tell what kind of mood a pooch is in by its bark, according to a new study, the New York Daily News reports.

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Teacher's Pet Program Changes Destiny of Kids, Dogs

In the three years since its inception, the nonprofit Teacher's Pet: Dogs and Kids Learning Together program has linked 42 destined-for-euthanasia dogs with 42 students from Kingsley Montgomery School, a day treatment center and alternative school for junior high and high school youth with emotional or cognitive issues, USA Today reports.

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Pets Paying the Price as Economy Goes to the Dogs

The number of pets being turned over to shelters or abandoned across Hawaii is rising as the economy takes its toll on their owners. A check of the nearly 30 no-kill shelters around the state shows that many are full and continually receive requests to accept new animals, the Honolulu Advertiser reports.

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The Fur Flies – in Comfort – on Pet Airways

The nation's newest start-up airline doesn't serve free peanuts, and there's no restroom – or seats – for the passengers. But flight attendants do escort passengers personally to the nearest patch of grass before and after the flight, and the airline's president and chief executive himself walks up the aisle every 15 minutes with a stash of biscuits and some words of comfort, the Los Angeles Times reports.

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