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Hundreds of dogs affected by parvo outbreak; pet psychic would rather talk to dogs; and other news.

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Iowa Councilman's Dog Stolen From Animal Shelter

A Sioux City councilman's dog who has been deemed vicious and could be euthanized is missing from an animal shelter. Police say someone broke into the shelter Sunday afternoon and stole Jake, a 3-year-old yellow Labrador Retriever, from an outdoor kennel. No other animals were taken, The Associated Press reports.

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Drug Chief Sues Over Sniffer Dogs

A drugs charity director is suing the police after he was searched during an operation involving sniffer dogs on the London Underground. Release's Sebastian Saville, 56, claims police breached his human rights during the incident at Camden Town station in June 2008, BBC News reports.

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Hundreds of Dogs Dying in Parvo Outbreak

Hundreds of dogs, mainly puppies, are dying in Pontiac and Inkster, Mich., because of an outbreak of parvovirus, a virulent disease that is easy to prevent and expensive to treat, veterinarians and animal protection workers said Sunday, Detroit Free Press reports.

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Utah Pet Psychic Would 'Rather Talk to Dogs'

Paula Davis sensed the grief of a mourning dove in her yard a few years ago, and began a conversation that would change her life, she said. After years of study, practice and what she calls "tuning in," Davis is a full-time animal communicator who can report on a dog's final wishes and whether your Lab likes tennis balls, the Salt Lake Tribune reports.

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Every Dog Has His Day at Dockdogs

Alvin ran down the 40-foot dock and leaped a good 14 feet into the pool, making a gigantic splash. Several hundred onlookers clapped enthusiastically Sunday during the Dockdogs competition at the Harford County Farm Fair in Bel Air, Md. Close to 200 dogs competed from Thursday to Sunday at Dockdogs, which is a track and field-like event for dogs, the Baltimore Sun reports.

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