

## The DogChannel Newswire (08-05-09)

**Lacey's Fund helps ex-police dogs; Snuggie gets new legs with dog version; and other news.**

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### Assemblyman: Hands Off That Dog!

Let's just put a name on it right now: The Laika Law. Laika, the Husky "dog-napped" by a well-meaning passerby from the front of a Fort Greene shop where she was tied last week — who has since been found — has inspired a new bill that would make dog-napping a crime, The New York Times reports.

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### Research Undermines Dog Domestication Theory

Few people spend their honeymoon catching and drawing blood from village dogs up and down Africa. But Ryan and Corin Boyko, two anthropologists at the University of California, Davis, chose this way to collect valuable genetic data that is casting a new light on the domestication of dogs, The New York Times reports.

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### Lacey's Fund Honors a Lab, Helps Ex-Police Dogs

For 13 years, Lacey the yellow Lab was a bubbling fount of love, a brown-eyed, giving spirit. And now, even after her death, that continues. Lacey's Fund has been established by her family to help Vermont's retired police dogs receive the often-very-expensive old-age medical interventions they require after years of body-bashing service, USA Today reports.

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### Snuggie Gets New Legs With Dog Version

First, they took over television with a viral commercial. Then pub crawls were devoted to them. Now, Snuggies have come for the dogs. Last week, Allstar Products introduced the pup-sized version of the product — a replica of the original with room for four legs, MSNBC.com reports.

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