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New tests shed light on how dogs think; remedies for storm-phobic dogs; and other news.

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New Tests Shed Light on How Dogs Think

A presentation on "How Dogs Think" drew a crowd Saturday as a psychologist, canine researcher and author of a 2004 book by the same name told the American Psychological Association that the newest research strategy for understanding dogs is to use tests meant for very young children, USA Today reports.

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'Thunderwear' Among Remedies for Storm-Phobic Dogs

Potential remedies for storm-phobic dogs include medication, desensitizing the dog to thunder and training it to retreat to a safe place when a storm hits. There is also canine "thunderwear" such as earmuffs, head halters and swaddling attire, including a snug leotard for animals called a sheep suit, which can help calm stressed-out dogs, ABC News reports.

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The Claim: Some Dogs Look Like Their Owners

Earlier this year, a scientist in England joined the fray with a study in which 70 subjects were asked to match pictures of 41 dog owners to one of several breeds. They were able to match successfully more than half the time, far better than chance, The New York Times reports.

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26-Year-Old Mac May Be World's Oldest Dog

When Janelle DeRouen of New Iberia, La., heard about Chanel, the 21-year-old pooch who made headlines recently for being the world's oldest dog, she knew she had to set the record straight. After all, she's the mother of Max, a terrier mix who celebrated his 26th birthday at home on Aug. 9, MSNBC.com reports.

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Missing Prince George's Police Dog Zoey Is Found

The Prince George's County Sheriff's Office dog who ran away from her handler in Waldorf last week was returned Tuesday and is expected to resume full duty, authorities said. Zoey, a 5½-year-old Bloodhound, was picked up "some time ago" by a man who found her wandering the streets, The Washington Post reports.

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