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Meeting up at a dog park; Roman canines beat dog days of summer; and other news.

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On Dating: Meeting at a Dog Park

The love of a pet drives some owners to trek to dog parks and let their pooches play (sans leash) with other pups. It's a social activity for the dogs, to be sure, but owners can also see those trips as a chance to meet people who live in their neighborhoods, The Washington Post reports.

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Police Investigating After Dead Baby Dug Up by Dog

Police are investigating the discovery of a dead infant after a Florida family's dog dug up the body in the backyard. Henry McGill said his wife was outside with their dog Coco Monday afternoon when the 2½-year-old mixed breed ran into the woods on the family's property, ABC News reports.

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Roman Canines Beat Dog Days of Summer

Sharry and Doc frolic in the sand while Aaron paddles in the Olympic-length pool and Caruso lolls in the shade, enjoying the perfect canine escape from the dog days of a scorching Italian summer. While dogs are barred from many of Rome's recreation venues, at Villa Bau they are king, AFP reports.

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Philadelphia Eagles Meet With Animal Rights Groups

Animal rights groups and the Philadelphia Eagles are looking at ways they can join forces to combat dogfighting. The team drew criticism after hiring convicted dogfighting ringleader Michael Vick. He wasn't in attendance at Monday's meeting, The Associated Press reports.

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Columbia Schools Appeal in Service Dog Case

A southwestern Illinois school district is appealing a judge's order that a 5-year-old autistic boy be allowed to take his service dog to school, the Chicago Tribune reports.

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