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Dog “abandoned” by school burglar; scientists say dogs originated in China; and other news.

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Needham’s Top Dog? It’s Bailey by a (Wet) Nose

Only after looking at alternate spellings for each of the two most popular licensed dog names in Needham, Mass., does it become clear exactly who is fetching whom. Under traditional spelling, Bailey and Lucy are in a dead heat at 41 dogs for the most common name given to “man’s best friend” among the 2,664 licensed dogs at the town clerk’s office, the Boston Globe reports.

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Dog ‘Abandoned’ by School Burglar

Police believe a Jack Russell Terrier found at the scene of a burglary could have been abandoned by the thief. The thief is thought to have fled empty handed when the school’s alarm went off, leaving behind the dog, which officers have named Bobby, BBC News reports.

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Authorities Catch Dog Who Stayed With Owner’s Body

Cache County authorities on Wednesday afternoon trapped a dog who had stayed with his 18-year-old owner after she apparently committed suicide in the wilderness. The 5-month-old dog, a German Shepherd-wolf mix called both Forrest and Gerome, had been wandering the Green Canyon for 27 days, The Salt Lake Tribune reports.

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Dogs Descended From Wolf Pack on Yangtze River

It was previously known that the birthplace of the dog was eastern Asia but historians were not able to be more precise than that. However, now researchers have made a number of new discoveries about the history of man’s best friend – including that the dog appeared about 16,000 years ago south of the Yangtze River in China, The Telegraph (U.K.) reports.

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