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Family dogs ditched in Gosselin divorce; story of war hero dog comes to big screen; and other news.

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Jon Gosselin Sends His Dogs Back to Breeder, Blames Kate

Jon Gosselin is sending his two German Shepherd Dogs back to the breeder as part of the fallout from his divorce from Kate. Shoka and Nala, the family dogs, are being discarded and Jon has been telling pals it's Kate's fault because she won't take care of them when he's not at the house, FOX News reports.

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Man Who Spray-Painted Dog Not Guilty of Animal Cruelty

A contractor who spray-painted a dog was found not guilty of animal cruelty by a DeKalb County State Court jury Thursday. Dario Harris maintained he was afraid of the barking black lab mix, Bear. Harris said even though the dog was in a fenced backyard, it could have jumped the fence and attacked him, The Atlanta Journal-Constitution reports.

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U.K. Film Producer Options Story of War Hero Dog

The true story of a heroic Labrador Retriever is headed for the big screen. Indie producer Simon Brooks has optioned the movie rights to the story of Endal, "the most decorated dog in the world," who cared for a disabled Gulf War veteran, saving his marriage, and, on one occasion, his life, Reuters reports.

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Overweight Animals at Risk for Diseases, Death

If your pooch is packing on the pounds or the cat waddles when she struts, it may be time for a diet. Pet obesity has emerged as a leading cause of preventable disease and death in dogs and cats, animal experts warn, the Chicago Sun-Times reports.

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