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Dogs sniff out wrong murder suspect; study looks at health benefits of pets; and other news.

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Dogs Sniff Out Wrong Suspect; Scent Lineups Questioned

The story of how a veteran law enforcement officer became a murder suspect is at the heart of a controversy over an investigative forensic tool called dog-scent lineups, CNN reports.

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Spokane Police Dog Makes First Arrest

The new Spokane, Wash., police dog Maximus caught a suspect on its first deployment. Police say Maximus tracked down a 25-year-old man early Monday who is suspected of stripping parts off a stolen car, The Associated Press reports.

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Study Looks Into the Health Benefits of Pets

Anecdotes abound on the benefits of companion animals on human health. But in-depth studies have been rare. Now the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development is embarking on an effort to study whether these animals can have a tangible effect on children's well-being, The New York Times reports.

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Dog Walk Raises \$330K for Michigan Humane Society

More than 5,000 people and their four-legged friends made their way through the streets of Detroit on Sunday morning as part of the 4th Annual Mega March for Animals. The event, held by the Michigan Humane Society, raised more than \$300,000, The Detroit News reports.

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