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Service dog reject becomes surfer dude; paintings by dog sell for more than \$1,700; other news.

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Service Dog Reject Becomes Surfer Dude

Ricochet is a service dog dropout. It's not that she wasn't dog enough. To the contrary, there was way too much dog in her. Her undoing? Chasing birds. But she's found redemption in the ocean, surfing to raise money for a quadriplegic teen, The Associated Press reports.

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Names Increasingly Reflect Dogs' Integration Into the Family

Metro Vancouver dog owners have forgotten Fido, rejected Rover and pretty much scrapped Rags. Since the turn of the century, your furry friend has a better chance of having a human name than a traditional canine moniker. Enter Max, Charlie, Molly, Lucy, Sam and Abby, the Vancouver Sun reports.

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Paintings by Dog Sell for More Than \$1,700

Sam the painting hound mix isn't just painting for kicks – er, wags – anymore. Now he's cashing in on his talent, with some of his two dozen paintings selling for up to \$1,700, The Telegraph (U.K.) reports.

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Fox on the Hunt for Dog Laughs

Fox is developing a project inspired by the work of "Dog Whisperer" Cesar Millan. Wilmer Valderrama is set to star. Details are still being ironed out, but it appears that Valderrama would play the character based on Millan, who has built a lucrative empire based on his skills as a professional dog trainer, Variety reports.

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