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Dog owners rated more trustworthy; Wisconsin votes to regulate “puppy mills”; and other news.

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Can Pets Be Hazardous to Your Health?

As most pet owners will attest, animals can be lovable, amusing and a wonderful source of company. They may also be good for our health. As far back as 1980, doctors reported that pet owners who had heart attacks lived longer than their petless peers, the Detroit Free Press reports.

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Dog Owners Rated More Trustworthy

Khyber, a Bernese Mountain Dog, sat on a short stage to highlight new research from a joint University of Alberta and NAIT team, research that shows, in a nutshell, that the benefits of being Khyber can rub off. According to a study, just being around a dog like Khyber makes it more likely that strangers will talk to you and trust you, The Vancouver Sun reports.

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Wisconsin Votes to Regulate ‘Puppy Mills’

Large-scale dog breeding facilities, sometimes known as “puppy mills,” will now be regulated in Wisconsin, lawmakers say. By a 96-0 vote, the Wisconsin Assembly voted to approve a bill to regulate the facilities, which will now require licenses from the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, United Press International reports.

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Experts Blame Owners for Merced Area Dog Attacks

Are dog attacks specific to certain breeds? Or individual animals? The controversy rages across the nation and now in Merced County, Calif. Two recent attacks add to the already ruinous reputation sported by pit bulls. They may be the most maligned dogs in America, the Merced Sun-Star reports.

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