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Dog warns child with allergy to peanuts; hospice dogs worked during old age; other news.

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Trained Dog Warns Child With Allergy to Peanuts

Nicco is trained to detect peanuts like other dogs are trained to sniff out drugs or explosives. That skill has helped turn around the life of a 5-year-old boy who has a potentially life threatening allergy to peanuts, USA Today reports.

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Hospice Dog Kept Working During Old Age

As a therapy dog, Baxter comforted hundreds of hospice patients in their final hours. This year, old age caught up with Baxter. The Chow-Golden Retriever lost much of his body fur and use of his legs, so his owner Melissa Joseph made him a special red wagon that she pulled from door to door so he could visit hospice patients, The Associated Press reports.

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FBI Mourns Freddy the Dog, Killed in Raid

A press release from the FBI Thursday invites condolences to the team members of the Belgian Malinois. According to the FBI, Freddy lost his life in the line of duty. He'll be returned home to Quantico, Va. A memorial will be held at Quantico and Freddy's name will be added to a memorial wall, the Detroit Free Press reports.

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Dog Owners Sought Park, May Get Parking Lot

The West Loop in Chicago, like other city areas that have shed their industrial pasts to become vibrant neighborhoods, is the latest to grapple with an issue that stirs passion among neighbors: Where can dogs run free? Skinner Park is the answer for many, who time their dogs' park visits around heavy park use, the Chicago Tribune reports.

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