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Mutt nurses wild dogs at city zoo; L.A. church starts pet service; and other news.

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Good Dog, Smart Dog

Life as a labradoodle may sound free and easy, but if you're Jet, who lives in New Jersey, there is a lot of work to be done. He is both a seizure alert dog and a psychiatric service dog whose owner has epilepsy, severe anxiety, depression, various phobias and hypoglycemia. Jet has been trained to anticipate seizures, panic attacks and plunging blood sugar and will alert his owner to these things, The New York Times reports.

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Picked From a Lineup, On a Whiff of Evidence

A dog's sniff helped put Curvis Bickham in jail for eight months. Now that the case against him has been dropped, he wants to tell the world that the investigative technique that justified his arrest smells to high heaven, The New York Times reports.

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Gone to the Dogs: L.A. Church Starts Pet Service

Noticing attendance at his once-vibrant church had bottomed out, Rev. Tom Eggebeen came up with a hair-raising idea: He would turn God's house into a doghouse by offering a 30-minute service complete with individual doggie beds, canine prayers and an offering of dog treats, The Associated Press reports.

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Pittsburgh Mutt Nursing Wild Dogs at City Zoo

A mutt from a city animal shelter is acting as a surrogate mother for nine African painted dogs born at the Pittsburgh Zoo & PPG Aquarium. The Pittsburgh zoo staff had to intervene in raising the pups because their mother died of a ruptured uterus shortly after delivering the litter last month, The Associated Press reports.

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