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Dog survives 65-foot plunge into the sea; L.A. to unveil dogfighting tip line; and other news.

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L.A. County to Unveil Dogfighting Tip Line

Los Angeles County prosecutors and the Humane Society of the United States will launch a 24-hour tip line and reward program aimed at eliminating dogfighting. District Attorney Steve Cooley will unveil the new number at a press conference Tuesday. Officials said the program is the first of its kind in the nation, The Associated Press reports.

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Dog Survives 65-Foot Plunge Into the Sea

A dog survived unscathed after plunging 65 feet off cliffs into the sea during a walk with his new owners. Andy and Joanna Finlay had just picked up the German Shepherd Dog and stopped on their way home. But 5-year-old Twinnie backed over nearby cliffs, and landed in the sea, narrowly missing rocks, BBC News reports.

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Pennsylvania Dog Breeder Withdraws Animal Cruelty Plea

A former Pennsylvania dog breeder is scheduled to go on trial on animal cruelty charges after withdrawing his guilty plea. Chief Deputy District Attorney Jay Jenkins says Derbe Eckhart faces trial in December on charges including cruelty to animals and operating a kennel without a license, The Associated Press reports.

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Clock Ticks Down for Lucky N.Y. Dog

Animal welfare activists and pet lovers Friday demanded that a dog that survived being thrown off the sixth-story roof of a Brooklyn building this summer be allowed to live. After months of working to rehabilitate the 1-year-old pit bull mix named Oreo, the ASPCA said it planned to euthanize her because of her unpredictable aggression, The Associated Press reports.

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