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Pet therapy helps decrease painkillers; 100 starving sled dogs rescued; and other news.

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Pet Therapy Helps Decrease Painkillers

U.S. medical researchers said patients using pet therapy may need less pain medication. Researchers at Loyola University Health System in Chicago said adults recovering from total joint-replacement surgery given pet therapy required 50 percent less pain drugs than those not receiving pet therapy, United Press International reports.

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Dog Breeders Slam Puppy Farms

Dog breeders in Northern Ireland have called for proper regulation of their industry and for the Department of Agriculture to ban people convicted of cruelty from keeping animals, BBC News reports.

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Therapy Dog In Line for Top Prize

He has never won a competition, and his breeder sold him because he did not make the grade, but now Bertie the Cocker Spaniel is heading for Crufts. The lovable pooch has been nominated for the prize of top therapy dog by children, BBC News reports.

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100 Starving Sled Dogs Rescued in Quebec

Animal rescue officials in Quebec, Canada, said Tuesday they had rescued more than 100 starving, chained-up sled dogs north of Montreal. The provincial Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals said it received a tip about the dog farm in the rural village of Brebeuf last week, United Press International reports.

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