

## The DogChannel Newswire (11-19-09)

**Dogs and letter carriers can be friends; homeless dogs help healing troops; and other news.**

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### Dog Owners Want More Play Space for Pets

Palo Alto, Calif., dog owners called on the city Tuesday to change its leash law so their pets could run off leash in parks and schools at certain hours of the day when few people were around, Palo Alto Online reports.

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### Dogs and Letter Carriers Can Be Friends

Dogs usually dislike delivery personnel because of the direct and purposeful way they approach your home. The dog feels this person is a threat to the security of the house, so he brings out his territory-defending instinct, Newsday reports.

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### Homeless Dogs Help Healing Troops

As happy and healthy as the two appear now, when Lawrence Minnis and pit bull Ebony met they were both on the mend – Minnis from a near-crippling infection and Ebony from nearly starving and freezing to death. The two shared a companionship that helped them heal and ultimately altered the course of their lives, Armed Forces Press Service reports.

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### Man Blames Dog for Wife's Shooting Death

A man is blaming his dog for his wife's shooting death in San Luis Obispo County, Calif. A sheriff's deputy testified Tuesday at a preliminary hearing that John Norris claimed he was standing on the stairs with a handgun when his dog tripped him and caused him to shoot his 24-year-old wife Tasha, The Associated Press reports.

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