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Judge sends dogfighting ring to prison; H1N1 toll includes a few pets; and other news.

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Judge Sends Dogfighting Ring to Prison

Four Missouri men who admitted their roles in a multi-state dogfighting ring committed "extraordinary cruelty," a federal judge in St. Louis decided Tuesday as she handed out sentences tougher than federal recommendations, the St. Louis Post-Dispatch reports.

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Battle to Get Dead Man's Dog Back Home

A Montreal woman whose brother died across Canada on Vancouver Island faces hurdles in getting back his large dog who stayed with him after he died. It was determined the 7-year-old dog stayed by his side for three days before emergency crews found the man, United Press International reports.

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Swine Flu Toll Includes a Few Pets

A handful of pets have been sickened with H1N1 in recent weeks, but here are doctors' orders: Wash your hands and don't panic. The H1N1 virus has been diagnosed in only a few cats and ferrets since it emerged in April, ABC News reports.

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New York Has Small Boom in Pet Retailers

New Yorkers may be purchasing fewer luxuries for themselves in this recession, but they seem reluctant to skimp on their cats and dogs. As a result, there seems to be a small explosion of pet retailers in New York City, The New York Times reports.

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