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Officer mourns loss of K9 partner; charity reveals bizarre pet operations; and other news.

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With Racing Over, Track and Shelter Team Up

Wanted: forever homes for some 125 Raynham Park Greyhounds put out to pasture by the state's new dog-racing ban. The track's owners are reaching out to Bay State animal shelters – their former opponents in the heated dog-racing debate – to help the pooches find new digs, the Boston Herald reports.

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Officer Mourns Loss of K9 Partner

For more than three years, a German Shepherd mix named Blek chased down hundreds of suspects and always came back to his handler, Ted Dahlin. Last week Blek ran into a wooded marsh in north Houston in pursuit of several burglary suspects. When Blek did not come back, Dahlin and other officers began searching for him, the Houston Chronicle reports.

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Returned Chihuahua a Mystery

The story of Delaware County's stolen Chihuahua got a little weirder Monday when Springfield, Pa., police announced that the \$1,400 dog had mysteriously returned to the scene of the crime, the Philadelphia Daily News reports.

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Animal Charity Reveals 'Top of the Ops' List

A puppy from London who ate a full-length plastic arrow and a dog who ate a Homer Simpson toy feature in a list of the most memorable cases handled in the last year by a veterinary charity. The PDSA said veterinary staff compiled a "top of the ops" list of cases as the charity marked a record of more than 100,000 pet operations this year, The Press Association reports.

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