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How dog and cat people are different; caring for your dog after you're gone; and other news.

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Dog Helps Save Elderly, Unconscious Man

Police credit a 15-year-old German Shorthaired Pointer with saving the life of an elderly, unconscious man in Pine City, Minn. Brett Grinde said he took Effie out for their usual walk on Monday evening, but within a couple minutes she started pulling on the leash, wanting to go in a different direction, The Associated Press reports.

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How Are Dog People and Cat People Different?

Ever wonder what your preference for cats or dogs says about you? A team of researchers at the University of Texas at Austin wanted to find out. They posted a questionnaire online as part of a larger study about personality called the Gosling-Potter Internet Personality Project, CNN reports.

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Caring for Fido After You're Gone

Hotel heiress Leona Helmsley did it, and so can you – provide for your pets after you're gone. Forty-two states and the District of Columbia now have laws that specifically authorize the creation of trusts for the care of pets. That's up from 16 states in 2003, with Connecticut, Maryland and Vermont enacting their pet trust laws just last year, Forbes reports.

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How Much Can You Mourn a Pet?

Even in the United Kingdom, prolonged mourning and visible grief is considered normal for the death of a family member or a close friend. But in a nation of animal lovers there are many who feel almost the same way about the loss of a pet, but whose emotions occasionally provoke raised eyebrows, BBC News reports.

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