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Vick Letter to Judge: I'm Not a 'Beast'

Before being sentenced to 23 months in prison on Monday, Michael Vick sent the judge a handwritten letter asking for a "second chance" and saying he grew up not knowing the severity of dogfighting, USA Today reports.

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Attorney Argues to Redefine Dog Barking Ordinance

A dog barking case has reached the Ohio Supreme Court. Currently, part of the City of Columbus ordinance states that the owner of an animal that howls, barks or emits audible sounds that are unreasonably loud as to disrupt the peace and quiet of the neighborhood could face penalties. But according to one attorney, the issue is too vague for pet owners, MSNBC reports.

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Texans Football Player Cited for Loose Dogs

Houston Texans wide receiver/kick returner Jerome Mathis was cited after four pit bulls escaped from his Texas home. Authorities said Mathis allowed the dogs to remain at large and harbored unvaccinated animals, the Houston Chronicle reports.

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Cat Bites Dog, Owner Wants Leash Law for Kitties

After her pit bull was attacked by a neighborhood cat, a Sacramento, Calif., dog owner is calling for an end to free-roaming felines, News 10 (California) reports.

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Last of Three Vick Co-Defendants Sentenced

The man who provided prosecutors with most of the information that led to Michael Vick's downfall was sentenced to two months in prison Friday for his role in the NFL star's dogfighting ring, USA Today reports.

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