

## The DogChannel Newswire (03-08-08)

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### Pets Caught in Economic Squeeze

Dog owners are cutting back on how often they send their pets to day care, or pay to have them walked. And pet owners are cutting costs by switching to more affordable pet food and putting off some preventive pet health care, the Portland (Maine) Press Herald reports.

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### 100,000 Dogs Given Second Chance at Life

Authorities in Indian-Administered Kashmir's main city have canceled plans to poison nearly 100,000 stray dogs as part of an anti-rabies program, an official said Friday after protests from animal rights groups, CNN reports.

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### The Luxury of Living a Dog's Life

In 1957, spending on pets ranked 49th in the weekly expenditure list by UK households, according to the Office of National Statistics. Fifty years later it has risen to 37th, ahead of cosmetics, cakes and holidays in the UK, BBC News reports.

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### Is Your Dog Green?

Fueled by increasing popularity of environmentally friendly products of all kinds, the sustainable pet product industry is expected to grow to nearly \$1 billion in sales by 2009. Many pet stores are adding special eco-friendly sections to their aisles, and online sales are booming, the Niagara Falls Review reports.

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