

## The DogChannel Newswire (03-22-08)

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### Blessing of the Animals in Los Angeles

Historic Olvera Street welcomes pet owners and their animal friends to this 75-year-old tradition on the Saturday before Easter. Bring dogs, cats, lizards and any other pet for a Catholic blessing, the Los Angeles Times reports.

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### Even Your Dog Has a Blog

These days, it seems everyone from the UPS man to your mother-in-law is a blogger. So why shouldn't pets have voices? At least that's the sentiment of lots of pet owners who have set up blogs for their dogs, cats, goldfish and hamsters to channel their household companions online, CNN reports.

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### Developer Throws Dog Owners a Bone

Not every dog owner would consider Vancouver a dog-friendly town. With the downtown condo boom, the dog issue has again raised its furry head. Dog owners are a major sector of the market, and they have their demands. Developer Amacon has responded with what it says is Canada's first condo dog run in its coming downtown development, the Globe and Mail reports.

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### Inmates Train Dogs to Help Wounded Marines With Chores

Civilian prisoners have been used for training service dogs to help disabled owners since 1981. A new program in N.C. is believed to be the first in a military prison. Base officials said they were willing to do it because the dogs will help disabled Marines, and because studies have shown that working with dogs helps rehabilitate prisoners, calming them and improving their attitudes, the Chicago Tribune reports.

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