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Dog in Pound, Owner Ticketed After Bites

A pair of Putnam County, Tenn., lawmen was warning a dog owner to control his pet when it raced over and bit them on the leg. Now, the pooch is in the pound and the owner is in the doghouse, The Associated Press reports.

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Volkswagen Defends Singing Dog Ad

Volkswagen has defended a controversial television advertisement which shows a dog cowering and shaking. The 30-second ad features a Jack Russell Terrier happily "singing" in the front seat of a car. It then cuts to shots of the same dog shyly cowering by his owner's legs, while quietly mumbling the song under its breath. There is an investigation as to whether or not the dog was mistreated, the Telegraph (U.K.) reports.

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Dog's Tale a Twisted One

One Saturday morning an Albany man dropped off a 1-year-old Jack Russell Terrier at the local humane society saying he'd found it in the trash. Local news media ran the story, making Daisy, the rescued pup, a celebrity. Now, the shelter says that the dog's original owner had given the dog to the man who turned her in, and the story about finding her was concocted, the Albany (N.Y.) Times Union reports.

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Rights, Legal Status of Dogs, Cats Growing

Dogs, cats and creatures of all sorts are being redefined in an emerging area of legal practice known as animal law. Once considered mere property, animals are being invested with legal standing as they're increasingly being named as partial beneficiaries of estates, subjects of lawsuits and victims of abuse, The Dallas Morning News reports.

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