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Activists Want Pets Rescued From Volcano

An estimated 450 dogs and 350 cats were left when residents of Chaiten, Chile, were evacuated after the initial May 2 eruption, the volcano's first in thousands of years, The Associated Press reports.

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US War Dead Cremated in Same Facility as Pets

US Defense Secretary Robert Gates ordered a review of the handling of the remains of US war dead and apologized after learning that some were cremated in a commercial facility that also cremates pets, the Pentagon said, AFP reports.

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High-End Shopping Goes to the Dogs

Orange County's unofficial dog mall, otherwise known as Fashion Island, is an upscale collection of shops and restaurants in the even more upscale enclave of Newport Beach. Startling as it may be to out-of-town shoppers, dogs are everywhere, even inside Bloomingdale's, Neiman Marcus and Macy's, the Los Angeles Times reports.

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Dean of NYPD's Dog Unit Retires

Even a police dog named Kojak has to pack it in sometime. After nearly a decade of catching criminals, one of the NYPD's most reliable Bloodhounds has retired. Kojak is nearly 10 but his nose was actually at its peak when he finished his last tour on April 26 because the breed's sniffing ability improves with age, the New York Daily News reports.

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Sniffing Dogs Detect Feces to Protect Threatened Animals

In the Cerrado region of Brazil, four dogs trained to detect animal feces by scent are helping researchers monitor rare and threatened wildlife such as jaguar, tapir, giant anteater, and maned wolf in and around Emas National Park, a protected area with the largest concentration of threatened species in Brazil, Science Daily reports.

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