

## The DogChannel Newswire (05-14-08)

**Hospital plan targets patients' pets, judge refuses to euthanize pit bulls, and other dog news from around the country.**

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### Dealing With Dog Phobia

A San Francisco Chronicle columnist attempts to help her daughter overcome her fear of dogs in a city where canine outnumber children. With help from a professor of clinical psychiatry, she begins to desensitize her daughter to be more comfortable around dogs.

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### SoCal Dog Vs. Famous Postal Carrier Incident Being Examined

The U.S. Postal Inspection Service is examining whether a Huntington Beach woman had criminal intent when she turned her dog on a mail carrier — who turned out to be former Olympic medal-winning swimmer Shirley Babashoff, The Associated Press reports.

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### Hoarding Pets Is a Form of Abuse

Animal hoarders can create a special kind of animal abuse, even if they may have good intentions. Often they think of themselves as rescuers, but take in many more animals than they can properly care for. A writer points out the signs to look for if you suspect a hoarding case in your neighborhood, The Associated Press reports.

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### New York Hospital Plan Targets Patients' Pets

What happens to Fido and Fluffy when their owners are in the hospital? A new effort under way in New York is designed to make sure that pets are not neglected while their human companions are getting medical care, Newsday reports.

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### Judge Refuses to Euthanize 'Unadoptable' Pit Bulls

A Lake County, Fla., judge refused to euthanize 17 pit bulls, despite animal experts who said the dogs were dangerous, and could never be adopted, because the dogs were part of an investigation into a dogfighting ring, Central Florida News 13 reports.

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