

## The DogChannel Newswire (05-15-08)

**Chicago moves for mandatory spay-neuter, SoCal owners of big dogs angry over pet policy, and other dog news from around the country.**

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### Bill Aims to Limit Number of Dogs Held in Abusive Puppy Mills

The Louisiana House Agriculture Committee on Wednesday advanced legislation aimed at making it illegal for puppy mill owners to maintain more than 75 breeding dogs. The bill aims to limit the number of dogs held in abusive puppy mills – mills that churn out thousands of dogs for sale in pet stores and over the internet, WWL (La.) reports.

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### Owners of Big Dogs Growl Over Pet Policy at Glendale Mall

A ban on large dogs has met controversy over size discrimination at an outdoor Southern California mall. The big-dog ban, which applies to pets over 25 pounds, is for safety reasons, but owners who've been instructed to leave with their dogs point out there are no signs posted indicating a size limit, the Los Angeles Times reports.

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### First Veterinary Corneal Implant Procedure in U.S. Performed on Dog

Sinisa Grozdanic, an assistant professor of Veterinary Clinical Sciences, performed the surgery that restored sight to 7-year-old Dixie. The dog, who had gained weight due to inactivity from her blindness, has lost seven pounds since the surgery, Science Daily reports.

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### Long Island Dog Show Season Starts

More than half a century ago, Long Island used to be a hotbed of dog shows. As the estates and their kennel managers dwindled, so did the show scene, but the Island still manages to muster a series of spring, summer and fall shows, with the first batch arriving this weekend, Newsday reports.

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### Move Afoot to Spay Chicago Pets

At Wednesday's City Council meeting, two Chicago officials introduced an ordinance that states, "No person shall own harbor or keep within the city of Chicago a dog or cat over six months of ages which has not been sterilized." Violators would be punished by fines as high as \$100, the Chicago Sun-Times reports.

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