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Computers help jailers interpret guard dog barks; Moscow's strays live the good life; and other dog news.

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Livingston County passes Pit Bull Adoption Ban

Illinois officials have adopted a policy that prevents the county's animal control department from handling adoptions of pit bulls and other bully breeds. The policy includes euthanizing stray dogs considered to be aggressive after four days if owners don't claim them, the Chicago Tribune reports.

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Australia Brews Beer for Man's Best Friend

A nonalcoholic beer brewed especially for dogs has proved a hit for an Australian pet shop. Dog Beer, or DB, was designed by a Sydney pet supplies store owner after she noticed her own dogs leaping for drops of beer, Reuters reports.

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Assembly OKs Banning Insurers from Considering Dogs

The State Assembly voted on Monday to approve legislation prohibiting property and casualty insurers from altering a homeowner's insurance policy based on the type of dog kept on the property, Newsday reports.

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Computers Helps Jailers Understand Dogs

Israeli jails are using a custom-built computer program to interpret the barks of guard dogs and distinguish warnings of a breakout from everyday woofs, The Associated Press reports.

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It's a Dog's Life, But in Moscow That's Not Bad

A tiny group of zoologists study Moscow's stray dogs and how they're adapting to a rapidly changing city, The Wall Street Journal reports.

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