

The DogChannel Newswire (05-22-08)

British couple touts world's oldest dog; children benefit from reading to dogs; and other dog news.

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Derbyshire May Have 'Oldest Dog'

A Derbyshire, England, couple are trying to prove their pet Labrador Retriever mix is the oldest dog in the world. Bella's owner said he bought the mixed-breed dog from a shelter 26 years ago, and estimates she was at least three when he adopted her, BBC News reports.

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Sink Your Teeth into National Dog Bite Prevention Week

It's a time of year that many of us have eagerly anticipated. Yes, it's National Dog Bite Prevention Week. We're not sure who designated the third (full) week in May as NDBPW, but you can bet that the United States Postal Service takes it seriously, the Los Angeles Times reports.

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Giving Pets Long Lives

Do dogs and cats who have been spayed or neutered live longer? A New York Times columnist gets to the bottom of that exact question, and presents the health benefits of sterilization surgery in pets.

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Linburg Man Won't Give Up Dogs Despite Jail Threat

A Georgia man with 25 dogs – 12 Beagles, 12 Basset Hounds, and an odd-dog-out Shih Tzu – will face jail time if he doesn't agree to give up 10 of the pets. He has been rescuing dogs from euthanasia since 2001, but was recently served with 24 citations for violating the county's nuisance noise ordinance, The Atlanta Journal-Constitution reports.

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Dogs Provide an Ear, Tool for Reading at Frisco School

Students at Curtsinger Elementary School in Frisco, Texas, are practicing reading out loud, but with a twist. Instead of reading to classmates, they're reading to dogs. The program works to make reading out loud more comfortable for these children, who often struggle in front of their classmates, WFAA (Texas) reports.

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