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Canine custody battles heat up; tornado victims search for missing pets; and other dog news.

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Who Gets Custody of Dog Is Complicated

When couples split up these days, a matter every bit as intense as who keeps the house or plasma TV is increasingly being slammed onto the table for discussion: Who gets the pets? USA Today reports.

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Tornado Victims Search for Missing Pets

Some families pawing through the tornado debris in Hugo, Minn., are looking for more than mementos, they also are looking for lost pets, The Associated Press reports.

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NYC Dog Walker Gets Prison for Stealing from 84-Year-Old

A Manhattan dog walker who admits he stole nearly \$58,000 from an 84-year-old woman has been sentenced to one to three years in prison. The dog walker admitted that while operating the Luna Dog Service he stole \$51,278 from the woman's bank account and another \$6,686 by using her credit cards, Newsday reports.

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Dog Thief Could Get Five Years

A Plainfield, Ill., man who stole a \$1,500 Pomeranian puppy by stuffing the 2-pound dog under his sweatshirt faces a possible five-year prison term after pleading guilty to the theft Tuesday. He had stolen the puppy with the intention of selling it for \$60 to two young women, who were charged with misdemeanor theft, the Chicago Sun-Times reports.

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Superbug Bites Dog

There's a new and growing threat to your pets' health: drug-resistant staph infections. In dogs and cats, the bacteria is slightly different, but it's otherwise pretty much the same problem: some strains of a common bacteria found in and on most dogs, people and surfaces have evolved to resist the antibiotics we normally use to treat it, the San Francisco Chronicle reports.

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