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Minnesota to discuss off-leash parks; Honda targets Japanese dog lovers; and other dog news.

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Drug Bust Dog Gone Wrong in Japan

Japan's customs authority has said sorry for planting cannabis on an incoming Hong Kong passenger to test out one of its sniffer dogs. Embarrassed officials had to issue a public appeal to the passenger to return the 142 grams of cannabis after the dog failed to detect it, The Age (Australia) reports.

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Family Dog Attacks Baby in California

A 9-month-old baby is recovering this week from wounds he suffered Tuesday when he was bit in the face and neck by his family's dog in Fremont. The infant underwent surgery late Tuesday afternoon at Children's Hospital Oakland and is expected to survive, the San Jose Mercury News reports.

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Research Dogs Are in No Danger, NCSU Says

Animal welfare advocates hoping to save the lives of nine dogs have frantically contacted N.C. State University's veterinary school this week, after an e-mail message hinting at the canines' imminent demise was widely circulated on the Internet, the News & Observer (North Carolina) reports.

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Dog Lovers of the World, Unite ... Around Honda

At first it was single women. Then retiring baby-boomers. Now, Honda has sniffed out another growing demographic of potential car buyers in Japan: the dog lover, Reuters reports.

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New Hope City Council to Discuss Dog Parks

Dogs in the New Hope, Minn., could soon have a new place to run, bark and play off their leashes. The City Council has expressed support for a one-year trial of an off-leash dog park and will likely make the decision in June after hearing from residents, the Minneapolis Star-Tribune reports.

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