UPDATES

Erie, Pennsylvania
Justina Robinson, arrested for the beating death of Israel (Izzy), a puppy she claimed she was training as a service dog, had other animals. It appears local authorities are investigating; the other animals might be taken. https://www.facebook.com/erienewsnow/videos/other-animals-taken-from-home-of-woman-charged-with-beating-dog/420753248589987/

Illinois
The dog rescued by Bryant Fritz, a fisherman, after someone placed her crate in Kaufman Lake, near Champaign, has been named Dory and is recovering well. She is in Champaign County Animal Control’s custody, pending completion of the police investigation, then Bryant and his partner, Krystal, will adopt her. Police are still asking for information. The condition of Dory and the cage showed evidence of serious neglect well before she was put in the lake. Donations to GoFundMe paid for emergency care; Bryant will use the remainder for ongoing care. https://patch.com/illinois/champaign/man-saves-shaking-caged-dog-champaign-lake https://abc7chicago.com/pets-animals/puppy-in-cage-rescued-from-freezing-water-in-champaign-lake/5673029/ https://www.nbc2.com/story/41274316/puppy-in-cage-pulled-from-lake-dog-rescue-illinois

Pennsylvania

Federal
The discussion continues on allowing emotional support animals, as distinct from service animals, on commercial airline flights. https://www.cnn.com/travel/article/emotional-support-animals-airplanes/index.html
The article features Hamlet, a pot-bellied pig; and contains photographs.

Other States
Connecticut: Diana Urban, former Connecticut Assemblywoman and co-author of that state’s “Desmond’s Law,” wrote an op-ed on the animal-human violence link, “Desmond’s Law,” providing for pro bono or supervised law student advocates for animal victims, and the 13 other states which have passed or introduced similar bills or are seeking guidance on the issue; Pennsylvania is in this last group.

International
Canada: Paw & Order podcast on the recent Canadian Animal Law Conference, including reports on recent cases and an update on pet custody rules. The link includes links to other animal law news and topics.

Alberta Province, Canada: Premier Jason Kenney promised legislative and other action against protesters, after a recent protest at the Jumbo Valley Hutterite Colony turkey farm. Action might include amendments to the Petty Trespass Act and Provincial Offences Procedure Act, and an ag-gag law criminalizing protests.
https://www.albertafarmexpress.ca/2019/10/21/premier-vows-crackdown-on-protesters-who-trespass-on-farms/

Non-Legal News
Quilty, a resident of the Friends for Life Shelter in Houston, Texas, has been placed in solitary confinement after repeatedly “springing” his shelter-mates. He is an Internet and social-media star, and has made the international press.
https://www.facebook.com/FriendsForLifeHouston/posts/
https://time.com/5719972/quilty-cat-frees-cats/

All dogs can be traced back 40 million years ago to a weasel-like animal called the Miacis, which dwelled in trees and dens. The Miacis later evolved into the Tomarctus, a direct forbear of the genus Canis, which includes the wolf and jackal as well as the dog. FactRetriever.com (refdesk.com, October 26, 2019).