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All Pets At Risk As Dog Is Confirmed As Victim Of Salmonella Outbreak

Owners of all pets are warned to be wary of pet treats made with peanut butter, reports The Register-Guard. [Read Now>>](#)

Girl's Request For Guinea Pig Causes Turmoil In Russia

The story begins when a 13-year-old writes to the official website of the president of Russia asking for a guinea pig, reports The Times Online (UK). [Read Now>>](#)

Aiming To Be The Oldest Chinchilla Ever

Willis, a 22-year-old chinchilla in Wales, is on track to be the oldest chinchilla verified by The Guinness Book Of World Records, reports Wales Online (UK). [Read Now>>](#)

Is Simon Cowell A Hamster Fan?

He recently said that he owned 18 hamsters when he was a child and enjoyed watching them play, reports Monsters And Critics.com. [Read Now>>](#)

Hedgehog Shelter In The Spotlight

The Flash and Thelma Memorial Hedgehog Rescue in Colorado is profiled, with many stories of current and past hedgehogs, plus information on how the rescue began, reports The Gazette. [Read Now>>](#)

Smokers Might Quit To Save Their Pet

A new study shows that many smokers would consider quitting if it would prevent illness in their pet, reports Forbes.com. [Read Now>>](#)

New Monument To Animated Hedgehog

A hedgehog statue in Russia honors the main character of the 1975 classic animated film Hedgehog In The Fog, reports Unian.net. [Read Now>>](#)

Hamster Photo Erroneously Shown As Mug Shot

A news station reporting on a murder suspect accidentally showed a hamster photo instead of the mug shot of the suspect, reports The Mirror. [Read Now>>](#)