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Top stories: Deaths of five cats in neighborhood investigated; man works to rescue pets without homes.

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Deaths of 5 Cats in Neighborhood Probed

Sonoma County animal control officers are investigating the deaths of five cats early this week from one west Santa Rosa neighborhood, including whether the pets were purposely poisoned. County officers will test the felines to determine their cause of death, and the owners said officers took a partially eaten can of tuna found on the property of one of the victims for testing, The (Santa Rosa, Calif.) Press Democrat reports.

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Man Works to Rescue Pets Without Homes

When he was a young boy growing up in New York, Charlie Dieterich watched his grandmother fill trays with scraps of food each evening and carry it outside for the stray animals in her neighborhood. He figures his desire to help unwanted animals comes honestly, The Greenville (S.C.) News reports.

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Wanted: Animal Shelter Director

For the first time, Indianapolis soon may hire an animal welfare professional to manage its shelter for homeless dogs and cats. Up until now, the job has been a political appointment. The need for a new administrator follows the resignation of Steve Talley. The former City-County Council president ran the shelter since June 2007. His exit comes a day after an independent investigation questioned his leadership and found the shelter's care substandard, The Indianapolis Star reports.

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