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Top stories: Problems at Philadelphia stray-animal group; cougar killed in Colorado after eating goats.

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Audit Finds Problems at Philadelphia Stray-Animal Group

An audit by the City Controller's Office has found an array of problems at the Philadelphia Animal Care and Control Association, ranging from premature euthanizing of dogs and cats to insufficient record-keeping, The Philadelphia Inquirer reports.

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Cougar Killed After Eating Goats in Colorado

A cougar was trapped and euthanized by state wildlife officers last week after the big cat raided a property in Missouri Heights, Colo., and ate a goat on four separate occasions. Officers with the Colorado Division of Wildlife worked with the property owner to erect fencing to try to keep the cougar out after the initial attacks, but to no avail, according to agency spokesman Randy Hampton. Once the female mountain lion knew what was on the other side of the fence, she couldn't be denied, the Vail (Colo.) Daily reports.

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Did the State Kill My Cat?

My beloved cat, Midnight, died a few days ago - possibly because of toxic chemicals in my furniture. In two years with hyperthyroid disease, Midnight went from a plump 14 pounds to a skeletal 5. A year ago, a veterinary epidemiologist found that Midnight's blood contained among the highest levels of PBDEs documented in animal research. That's when I learned that the chemicals in my cat came from my couch. And that my furniture is uniquely toxic because I live in California, the Los Angeles Times reports.

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