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Top stories: Washington state lawsuit seeks pet rights; tiger mauls caretaker in Mexico zoo.

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Spokane County Lawsuit Seeks Pet Rights

A federal lawsuit is challenging the constitutionality of animal control laws in Spokane, Wash., including provisions allowing for the immediate euthanasia of cats. The lawsuit was filed Thursday by Adam Karp, a Bellingham animal law attorney, who represents Spokane pet owner Patty Schoendorf. The lawsuit doesn't seek monetary damages, but asks a federal judge to order the city and Spokane County to modify their animal control laws so constitutional protections are followed when dogs and cats are euthanized, The Associated Press reports.

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'Apology' for Drowning Cat

A teenager who drowned a rescue cat adopted by the crew of HMS Belfast in central London has been ordered to write a letter of apology by a court, The Press Association reports.

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Tiger Mauls Caretaker in Latest of Mishaps in Mexico

A tiger escaped from an unlocked cage at a zoo outside Mexico City and fatally mauled its caretaker before it was captured and killed, The Associated Press reports.

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