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Top stories: South Carolina county to temporarily run Humane Society shelter; tracking pumas – for their own good.

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County to Temporarily Run Humane Society Shelter

Horry County will temporarily assist the Horry County Humane Society in running its animal shelter and clinic to give the organization time to regroup after a disease outbreak forced more than 100 animals to be euthanized, officials said. The society has lost two executive directors since early December, when the shelter was closed after an outbreak of distemper, a mostly fatal canine virus. The shelter reopened for business Thursday, but a separate outbreak of panleukemia, a feline disease likened to distemper, forced about 15 cats to be euthanized, the Myrtle Beach (S.C.) Sun News reports.

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Tracking Mountain Lions – For Their Own Good

Led by researchers from UC Santa Cruz, the Bay Area Puma Project is the first attempt to track San Francisco Bay Area mountain lions, which are being seen in greater numbers as urban areas spread into the region's wildlands, the San Francisco Chronicle reports.

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Post Office Feline Sparks Cat Fight in Alabama Town

"One of the pleasures of living in a small town is having a post office cat," say residents of Notasulga, Ala. That's why folks are wondering why Sammy the cat got kicked out of the town's post office. Sammy's supporters have gathered outside the post office with hopes of getting the cat back in the building. It started when one upset customer sent a letter to the postmaster. "They said this is a federal building and Sammy doesn't pay taxes so he can't come in," says postal worker Rochelle Langford, kare11.com reports.

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