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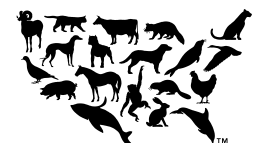
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Educators aim to leave no child behind, but many of the most important lessons kids can learn—about kindness and non-violent conflict resolution, for example—are now being edged out in favor of standardized lessons and regular testing. But by tying your lessons to new educational requirements, you can get humane education back into the curriculum.



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While communities across the country work to reduce euthanasia rates, some shelters struggle with a more fundamental issue: ending the use of the carbon monoxide chamber. Long considered an out-of-date method, gas chambers remain in use in some communities due to old laws and lack of funding and training. But through legislation and mentoring programs, animal advocates are helping shelters make the switch.



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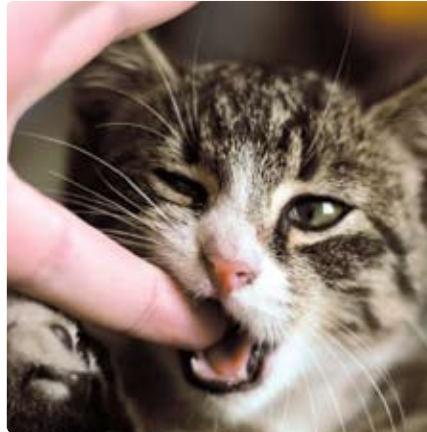
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