

Fake News Challenge

Article 1

The dedicated pet owner initially refused to pay for the procedure to save the 3-inch fish at Toll Barn Veterinary Center in Norfolk, but quickly changed his mind. A British man forked out \$460 to save the life of his goldfish, after it became constipated. The dedicated owner took his blocked-up 3-inch pet to a vet after realizing it was struggling to pass waste, reports the Norfolk Daily Eastern Press. He was stunned to be told that the delicate operation needed to solve the problem would cost \$460. Shocked at the high cost, he initially refused to give Toll Barn Veterinary Center in Norfolk the go-ahead. But the man, who has not been named, had a change of heart and returned just 10 minutes later to give them the green light. Vet Faye Bethell administered anesthetic to the fish, which was believed to be 2-years and 10-months old. The 29-year-old then used a tiny scalpel to remove a lump which had grown close to its dorsal fin. After 50-minutes, the fish was handed back to his grateful owner. "I have never done a procedure like that on a goldfish, although I have done it before on more valuable fish like a carp," Bethell told the Norfolk Daily Eastern Press. "There was nothing special about the fish. He just liked it a lot. People love their pets, but that was an expensive little goldfish," she added.

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Challenge 2: classify each headline

Does the headline:

1. Agree with the article?
2. Disagree with the article?
3. Discuss the same topic as the headline, without the article taking a stance?
4. Discuss a different topic than the headline (so is unrelated)?

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Article 2

On the same day Michael Brown Jr. was laid to rest, CNN Monday broadcast an audio recording in which the gunshots that felled the 18-year-old Aug. 9 can purportedly be heard in the background. The recording was taken by an unidentified local who was engaged in, and recording, another discussion at the time of the shooting... Don Lemon said that, CNN cannot independent verify the authenticity of this tape, noting that they... reached out to the FBI for confirmation of their interview with the Ferguson resident who says he made the recording... Paul Ginsberg, an expert on audio forensics, said he heard 10 shots on the recording, first a series of six, then four more. Blumenthal said the pause between the sixth and seventh shots fired could figure as key evidence into the ongoing investigation of the incident...

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Article 3

A small meteorite struck a wooded area near the Nicaraguan capital airport on Saturday night. Residents reported hearing a loud bang, and the crater left by the meteorite measured 40-feet wide and 16-feet, BBC reports. No one was hurt. Astronomer Humberto Saballos said the meteorite could be part of an asteroid that passed by Earth Saturday night. International experts have been asked to help local scientists in their investigation.

[BBC]

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