

Each week the editorial team at First News finds the news stories they think are the most important for First News readers to know and the stories they think they will be most interested in.

The journalists suggest stories at the editorial meeting and then a flat plan is created for the week's paper saying what sections will appear where and which stories will be on each page. Most news stories are suitable for several different sections of the newspaper. The editorial team decides which section to put the story in.

Read through the following news stories and decide which sections of First News they could feature in.



# CAT STATUE

THE first cat in space is to be honoured with a special memorial. French cat, Félicette, travelled to space aboard the Véronique AG1 rocket in October 1963.

She has received little attention since then. Now, thanks to a campaign on the Kickstarter website, the cat will be given a memorial statue in Paris.



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# POZZI PIPS IT!

**BRITAIN'S** Andrew Pozzi won gold in a dramatic photo finish at the 60m hurdles final of the World Indoor Athletics Championships in Birmingham.

Pozzi pipped American Jarret Eaton to gold by one-hundredth of a second. Britain ended the championships with seven medals, including two golds: one for Pozzi and another for Katarina Johnson-Thompson in the pentathlon.

The USA, who topped the medal table, won an impressive six golds, including a championship record time for Christian Coleman in the men's 60m sprint.

Brit Laura Muir, who is also studying to be a vet, won silver in the women's 1,500m and bronze in the 3,000m.

There was chaos in a heat of the men's 400m, as every single athlete was disqualified. One of the favourites for gold, Abdalelah Haroun of Qatar, was given a red card for a false start, then the remaining four athletes were disqualified for running out of their lanes!



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# MEDAL FOR MALI

**A VERY special dog has been awarded a medal. Mali, a Belgian Malinois, received the Dickin Medal for saving the lives of army troops during their service in Afghanistan.**

Mali was thanked for helping British forces find enemy fighters during an eight-hour operation to get a heavily armed Taliban force away from a multi-storey building. The dog was sent through direct fire twice but lived to tell the tale. But his efforts weren't without injury. Mali was wounded by three grenade blasts, causing injuries to his chest and legs. One of the explosions happened near his face, causing the loss of his front tooth.

The Dickin Medal is awarded by animal charity the PDSA, and is the UK's highest honour for animal bravery. Mali is the 69th animal to be awarded the medal, and the 32nd dog to win it. Messenger pigeons in World War II, four horses and a cat have also won the Dickin Medal.



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# SHOCKING! ENDANGERED ANIMALS FOR SALE

WWF, the wildlife charity, has revealed that millions of pounds worth of endangered animals are being illegally traded in the Golden Triangle area in Thailand.

Tigers, elephants, bears and pangolins (believed to be the most illegally traded animal, pictured below) are four of the most widely-traded species in the Golden Triangle, which is the name for the border areas in the north of Thailand, Laos and Myanmar.

The WWF says that there was £3 million worth of goods on display at Myanmar's Mong La market alone. Many of the animals' parts are used in traditional medicines or end up as luxury items and jewellery. The WWF is working with governments and other bodies to stop illegal wildlife markets in the Golden Triangle.



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# SEAHORSE SURPRISE

**A HUGE cake in the shape of a seahorse, with detailed icing patterns, is set to wow visitors to Cake International at Birmingham's NEC.**

The cake, which stands six feet (1.8m) high, has been created by Cornish luxury cake makers, Peboryon. The cake will raise funds for the Marine Conservation Society (MCS) when it's cut up and sold off on the last day of the show.



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# POOCH POO POWER

**NAUGHTY dog owners are well-known for collecting their dog's poo in a bag but not putting it in a bin. Now one man has taken action, after he became sick of seeing bags of dog poo scattered around his home town.**

After using the poo to power a lamppost instead, Brian Harper says that the area is cleaner. The lamp is on a path that leads into the Malvern Hills, which is popular with dog walkers. Now, after dog owners have collected some of the free paper bags, they can scoop their pooch's poop and deposit it into a biodigester that's hooked up to the lamp.

The biodigester uses bacteria to break down the poo and turn it into methane gas – the same as the stuff that might power the heating and oven in your house. In the same way that electric street lights turn on at dusk, the lamp has a sensor that allows it to start burning the gas and producing light when it gets dark.

Since this helps dog walkers to see where they're going, it shows people that "dog poo has a value", Harper told The Guardian. Britain has lots of dog owners, so busy paths or streets kitted out with the lamps could save councils money on electricity. What do you think? Would you use one if it was in your local park or street?



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# 5,000-YEAR-OLD ROCK STAR

**SCIENTISTS** studying an ancient picture engraved on a rock 5,000 years ago in India, now think it may show a supernova.

A supernova is an exploding star. If one exploded relatively close to Earth, it would make a very, very bright light in the sky. The experts have studied what the stars were doing all those years ago, and have worked out that a supernova did explode around this time. The people who made the art wouldn't have had a clue what the strange light was, but their picture might show what they saw in the sky, way back in 3,600BC.



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# CHOCCHIE SHORTAGE

**COULD chocolate run out in just 30 years?! Experts are concerned that the world could run out of the sweet treat sooner than we think.**

The scientists from National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in the US say cacao plants – which produce cocoa beans used for making chocolate – are struggling to grow in warmer climates because of climate change. As temperatures steadily increase, the moisture in the ground is expected to dry up and affect the crops.

This means regions where chocolate is grown might have to be moved higher up into the mountains.



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## Where did these news stories end up in First News?

Remember there is no correct answer here! Choices are made by the editorial team as they put the newspaper together each week, and this is where they decided to feature these stories in First News.

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