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Man's best friend is bedbug's worst foe

First came Lassie, then Snoopy, and now there's Roscoe the Bed Bug Dog.

The 2½-year-old lemon beagle, who works for Bell Environmental Services, has achieved canine fame in the city's battle against bedbugs.

Roscoe is so popular that he even has his own Web page, RoscoeTheBedBugDog.com, Facebook profile and iPhone app, making him the most prominent pooch in New York City.

A hound with a sniffer 100 times more sensitive than a human's, Roscoe graduated from the Florida Canine Academy, where he trained for more than 600 hours to pinpoint bedbugs within a 4-foot radius. When he finds the bloodsuckers, he nods his head and points.

Career highlights include completing 48 inspections and canvassing a 40,000-square-foot office in one day, and being featured on the Animal Planet miniseries "Monsters Inside Me."

But life wasn't always so sweet for Roscoe. He was rescued from a pound in Florida before earning his degree in bedbug detection.

Despite a turbulent puppyhood, Roscoe maintains a relaxed demeanor. When he's not working, he enjoys car rides with the windows down and walks in the park with his best dog friends, Simon and Sparky.

According to his Facebook page, Roscoe appreciates the scintillating sounds of Three Dog Night, Bow Wow and, of course, Snoop Dogg.

Jacob E. Osterhout



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Top Ten Denis Leary tweets

From his new book, "Suck on This Year: LYFAO @ 140 Characters or Less" (out Dec. 6).

- 1 **Scientists discover traces of water on asteroid.** Call me when they find scotch.
- 2 **Lady Gaga: drugs inspired me.** Yeah, we know – we've seen the outfits.
- 3 **Lettuce recalled in 23 states.** Experts fear it could affect up to 5 Americans.
- 4 **New Jersey worried about oil residue on beaches.** Not from Gulf Spill. From cast of Jersey Shore.
- 5 **Cheney gets heart pump implant.** Let's all pray it's made by BP.

- 6 **Judge: Wesley Snipes must spend 3 years in jail.** Not for tax evasion. The Blade trilogy.
- 7 **Report: Britain tortured its own people.** Hey – join the club. Keeping Up With the Kardashians is entering season four.
- 8 **Naomi Campbell: I didn't know dirty-looking stones were diamonds.** Which is why she winged them at the maid.
- 9 **Avg. American drinks 4 cases of beer, 12 bottles of wine and 2 qrts of liquor a year.** At my Uncle Sean's house we call that Friday night.
- 10 **Sarah Palin.** Excellent argument for separation of church and brain.

Nicole Lyn Pesce



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LUCKY LEO

Leonardo DiCaprio signs autographs for crew members on Delta Flight 30 after the Moscow-bound plane makes an emergency landing due to engine failure.



BIG FISH, BIG POND

Greenpoint native Jan Grosz wins the Brooklyn Fishing Derby by hooking a 44-inch striped bass off the N. Fifth St. pier. The Polish immigrant will donate the \$500 check to a children's charity.



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GAGALICIOUS

Lady Gaga and her parents invest in the upper West Side Italian restaurant Vince & Eddie's, the pop star's favorite New York eatery.

SKULL SESSION

An NYU professor has a digital camera implanted in the back of his head for an art project commissioned by a museum in Qatar.

WORST RULE OF FIGHT CLUB

Police break up an underground boxing club on the lower East Side where hipsters take turns pummeling each other in a makeshift ring.



THINKSTOCK

THE CITY THAT NEVER MOVES

A mapmaker releases a study that claims New York City has the worst rush-hour traffic in America, with the Brooklyn Battery Tunnel and the Washington Bridge listed as the most congested spots.



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