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Appendix E: Defra consultation, 2010

Sommario/riassunto

The first book in the UK or US to set on record the recent cultural phenomenon of the use of certain dog breeds - both legal and illegal - to 'convey status' upon their owners.
