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MEETING NOTICE

June General Meeting

Wednesday, June 21, 2017

Picnic will start at 6:00 p.m.

--Meeting will follow picnic--

Large Group Shelter at

Chalco Hills Recreation Area

**8901 S. 154th Street
(156th & Giles Road)
Omaha, NE**

(See pages 7 & 8 for more de "tails")

**---Members are encouraged to attend,
and guests are always welcome to the meeting---**

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DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF MATERIAL FOR JULY GROWLER: July 7, 2017

MAY GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, May 17, 2017

Sarpy County Fairgrounds

100 Main Street

Springfield, NE

President Tim Bourke called the meeting to order at 6:58pm.

There were 24 members and one guest in attendance.

Motion made by Sheryl Bradbury to approve the minutes of April's meeting as published in the "Growler". Seconded by Sue Volkmer. Motion carried by the attending membership.

Officer and Committee Reports

President – Tim Bourke; No report.

Report of Vice-President – Ron Weaks; No report.

Report of the Secretary – Barb Ihle; Distributed handout of new AKC FSS Open Show Changes Effective July 1, 2017 and Obedience / Rally Rules Changes to those members interested.

Report of the Treasurer – Barb Hill presented the Treasurer's Report period ending April 30, 2017. See back of agenda for Report. Motion made by Chris Ihle to approve Treasurer's Report as presented. Seconded by Jan Elbling. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

AKC Delegate – Medora Harper; No Report.

Barn Hunt – Ron Weaks; Upcoming dates: Barn Hunt Practice – Sept. 2, 2017; NKC Barn Hunt Trial – Sept. 16-17, 2017. Both events will be at the Companion Dog Training Center on N. 72nd Street in Omaha, NE.

Community Outreach – No report as we need a member to fill this position.

Education – Dona Rosales; No report.

Events – Sue Volkmer; NKC Annual Club Picnic; Chalco Hills Recreational Area, Wednesday, June 21, 2017. See Growler for further details. Please bring a side dish, your preferred beverage, and dinnerware. Main dish will be provided.

Future Social Event recommendation was Soaring Wings.

The Growler – Sharon Bourke. Deadline for submissions to the next “Growler” is Friday, June 9, 2017.

Legislative Liaison – Sandy Orr. No report.

Membership – Shelly Rehmeier. Presented new applicant, Alycia Nobel, who was present for introduction and vote by the membership on her NKC application for membership. Her breed is German Shepherd. Motion was made to ballot by show of hands rather than written ballot. Motion carried. Tim Bourke called for show of hands in favor of Alycia Nobel’s Application for Membership. Motion carried. WELCOME TO THE CLUB, ALYCIA!! Alycia’s first action as a new club member is Outside Ring Stewarding at the upcoming NKC Dog Show this weekend.

Obedience – Ron Weaks. No report.

Strategic Planning – Tim Bourke.; No report.

Tracking Test – Shelly Rehmeier. This year’s test will be on Sunday, November 12, 2017. Nothing new to report.

Tracking Training – Jan Hague. The recent tracking training class ran six (6) weeks, had seven (7) students and brought in \$500.00 in revenue to the Club. Classes are ideally 2 – 8 students and would occur in the Spring / Fall. Either on a Wednesday-Thursday during the week vs weekend. Currently, no Fall class is scheduled at this time.

Training Director – Barb Hill. Holding conformation classes at Companion Dog Training Center on Mondays beginning at 7pm. No reservations necessary.

Ways and Means – Sheryl Bradbury. Update and overview of FSS Open Shows and Danish-Swedish Farmdog Specialty on Friday, May 19th.

Media Master – Joe Bradley. Completed Interactive AKC Breed Slideshow for the NKC Education table at Show and also finished making all of the signage for the Show.

Unfinished Business

All Breed Dog Show and Obedience Trial 2017

*ENTRY – 394 dogs, 6 Vendors, 1 Food Truck .

**Reserved Grooming SOLD OUT with the exception of 6 spaces as of Wednesday. Half of dirt reserved grooming is unusable due to excessive rain. Will need to move to concrete on North side of Conformation venue with Superintendent permission.

***Danish-Swedish Farmdog – Friday FSS Specialty

****Thank you to Jan & Jim Elbling for offering a Poop Bag Holder for Best of Breed/Variety in EVERY breed or variety of breed AND offering Judge’s gifts.

*Show Superintendent Onofrio will arrive ONSITE Friday, May 19th at 10:30am to begin setting up the Show Venue.

**Mark Bradbury and his Grounds Team will be onsite beginning tomorrow at 2pm and at 7:15am on Friday to help with set-up.

***Tim Bourke will Chair the Bench Show Committee.

****The 4-H Kids will be coming to the Show to learn about dog showing.

Show Chairperson Dog Show and Obedience Trial 2018

Jan Elbling volunteered to be Show Chair for the 2018 NKC All Breed Dog Show and Obedience Trail with Sheryl Bradbury as Co-Chair. Jan can coordinate, but not be present for the Show itself as she has a conflict with her Breed Specialty occurring on the same weekend if we keep the May 18-20, 2018 dates. Sheryl Bradbury will be onsite. "Show Chairs" added to June Board Meeting Agenda for discussion and approval.

7:55PM RECESS: WALKING TOUR OF SARPY COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS DOG SHOW VENUES.

Meeting called back to order at 8:25pm after Recess by Tim Bourke. Motion made by Liz Bradbury to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Chris Ihle. Meeting adjourned at 8:26pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Ihle, NKC Secretary

JUNE BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, June 7, 2017

Village Inn, 3333 N. 90th Street, Omaha, NE

Meeting called to order at 7:08pm. In attendance: Ron Weaks, Sue Volkmer, Shelly Rehmeier, Joe Bradley, Barb Hill, Norine Nieman, Barb Ihle and AKC Delegate Medora Harper. President Tim Bourke was absent.

Barb Hill made a motion to approve minutes of the previous board meeting as published in May 2017 Growler, seconded by Sue Volkmer. Motion carried.

Report of the President – Tim Bourke – Absent.

Report of the Secretary – Barb Ihle - Received first Closing Document from the NKC Dog Show from AKC for Obedience and Rally. Awaiting further closing documents.

Report of the Treasurer – Barb Hill. – Report end May 31, 2017 and Dog Show recap.

Report of the Vice President - Ron Weaks – August General Meeting will be held at Sgt Peffers Café Italian, 13760 Millard Ave., Omaha, NE 68137. Order your meal by 6:30pm, meeting begins at 7pm. Ron will present a Program and Tutorial on Barn Hunt. The NKC Barn Hunt Practice is coming up on Saturday, September 2nd, 2017, with the Trials on September 16-17, 2017. Dr. Tonya McIlroy, DMV (Ophthalmology) and President Tim Bourke (Strategic Planning) will be presenting programs at the September – October meetings respectively.

Membership Chair – Shelly – Three new applicants; Erin Sarnowski, Brownville, NE, Great Dane; Nina Gottsch, RN, Bellevue, NE, Irish Wolfhound, David Scheiris, Professional Handler, Kansas City, MO, Havanese, Black Russian Terriers and Bishons Frises. Board Recommends Honorary Membership for David Scheiris and advancing these applicants to the general membership for vote.

AKC Delegate – Medora Harper – Medora discussed the various AKC changes in the making. She will be attending the AKC Delegate Meeting in Newark, NJ this month. Barb Ihle made motion to advise Medora to vote in favor of the proposed changes to the Grand Champion Points. Seconded by Sue Volkmer. Motion carried.

Deadline for the Growler is Friday, June 9th, 2017.

Unfinished BOARD Business

1. 2017 NKC Dog Show and Obedience Trial RECAP– Sarpy County Fairgrounds would charge NKC \$3,500 rent, an increase of \$900.00 from 2017 and eliminate one of the buildings we used for Obedience should we decide to have the 2018 All Breed Dog Show and Obedience Trial again at the Fairgrounds. The Lancaster Event Center in Lincoln would cost \$2,090 per day or \$4,180 for a 2-day Show. Additional hours are billed at \$131.00/hr. We may be considered for a lesser rate if we qualify as a non-profit organization. Motion made by Barb Ihle to have the 2018 NKC Dog Show and Obedience Trial on the corresponding date in 2018. Seconded by Joe Bradley. Motion carried. 2018 NKC Dog Show and Obedience Trial will be May 19-20, 2018. Board will research alternative show site and present to membership with options for 2018 at upcoming general meeting/s for discussion on venue.

2. AKC Scent Work Application – Application has been file with AKC. As of the June Board meeting date, neither Norine nor Barb Ihle has received notification from AKC that the application has been approved yet for NKC to conduct AKC Scent Work Trials.

NEW BUSINESS

NKC January 2018 Fun Match / Conformation & Obedience – Companion Dog Club of Omaha. Tentative January 14, 2018. Awaiting date confirmation from Companion. Barb Hill is going to contact Lizz Bradbury to see if she would be interested in being the Match Chair.

Annual June Picnic – Chalco Hills Recreational Area - Wednesday, June 21, 6pm.

Motion made by Barb Hill to spend \$50.00 for Sue Volkmer to pick up the BBQ Main Dish for the Picnic. Seconded by Shelly Rehmeier. Motion carried.

Next NKC Board Meeting will be on Wednesday, July 5th, 2017 at Nebraska Humane Society, 8929 Fort Street, Omaha, NE 68134 at 7:00pm.

With no further business, motion was made by Sue Volkmer and seconded by Shelly Rehmeier to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried and meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Ihle, Secretary

CONFORMATION TRAINING CLASSES

WHEN: Monday

During the winter months of January, February, and March, if the Omaha Public Schools are closed due to weather, NKC will also cancel conformation training classes.

**LOCATION: Companion Dog Club
10803 N. 72 Street
Omaha, NE**

TIME: Classes begin at 7PM – if no one shows up by 7:15 pm, the trainers will go home.

**PRICE: \$5.00 for first dog,
\$4.00 for all subsequent dogs per evening
\$3.00 for Junior handler**

**DURATION: Recommend 30 minutes or less for puppies.
30 to 60 minutes for adult dogs.**

WHO SHOULD ATTEND: Experience and inexperienced dogs and handlers.

CONTENT:

- ❖ Table Training
- ❖ Group Training
- ❖ Individual Gaiting
- ❖ Group Gaiting
- ❖ Breed specific training (you tell us what you need)
- ❖ Different patterns typical to conformation ring, i.e. triangle, L pattern, T pattern
- ❖ We will go over ring/show etiquette for those new to showing in conformation

**Check the NKC website for updates and/or changes – Everyone welcome.
No reservations needed.**

Any questions? Contact:

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NKC Annual Picnic

Wednesday, June 21, 2017

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NKC Barn Hunt Practice

Saturday, September 2, 2017

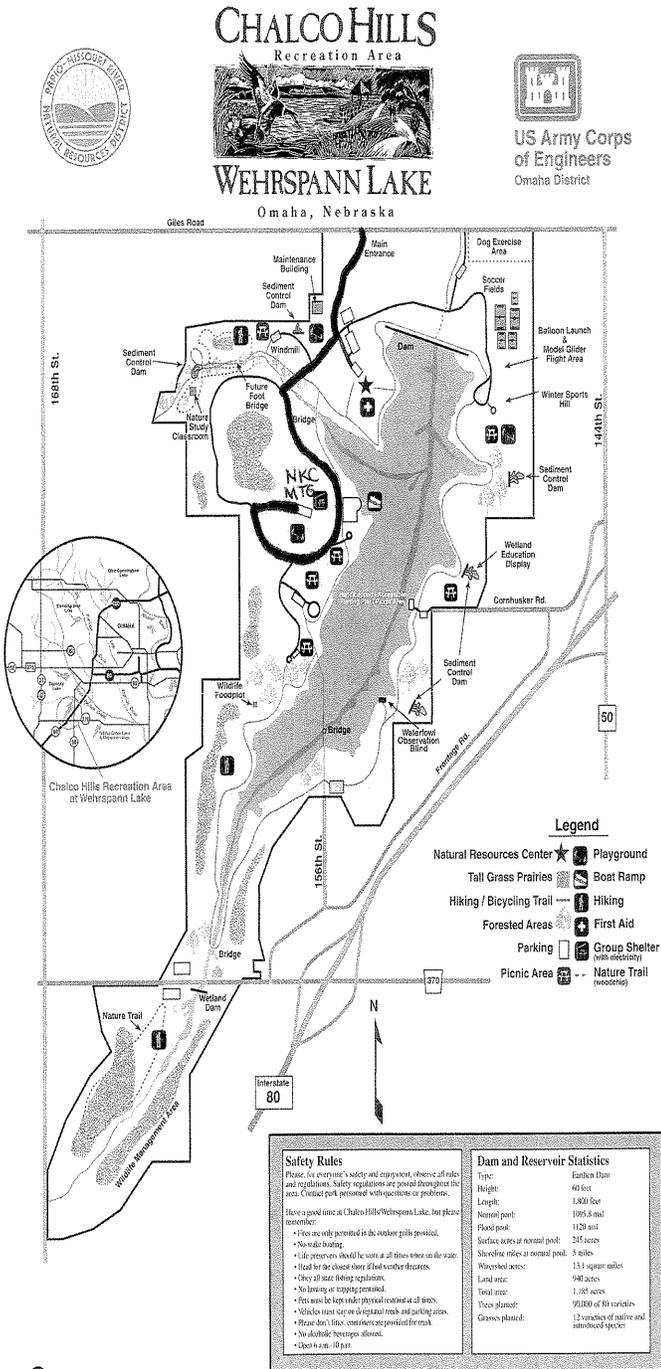
NKC Barn Hunt

September 16 & 17, 2017

NKC Tracking Test

Sunday, November 12, 2017

MAP TO JUNE NKC PICNIC and GENERAL MEETING



**Officers, Directors, and
Members of NKC:**

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you to each and everyone of you. All of your suggestions, work and support made the 2017 show a success.

I could not have organized the show without you. Financially, the show appears to have broken even. There are 3 small outstanding items and upon receipt I will prepare a final report.

**With Gratitude,
Barbara Hill
Show Chair**

GROWLER ADVERTISING RATES

NKC members: \$10.00 per 1/8th of a page,
\$75.00 for a full page

Non-members: \$15.00 per 1/8th of a page
\$112.50 for a full page

Copy cannot change between issues of the Growler. All ads are subject to NKC Board approval.

NKC Members: No charge to advertise the sale of used dog equipment.

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- ◆ If you have something to contribute for the betterment of the dog fancy that you would like published in the **Growler**, please contact the **Growler Editor**.
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Nebraska Kennel Club



Picnic

The Club will provide BBQ, iced tea, and water.
Please bring all dinnerware you will need for your family.
Also, please bring a side dish or dessert to share with your fellow members.

Questions?? Please contact Sue Volkmer at zmanvolkmer@gmail.com
or by calling 402-651-0884.



Eleanor's Variable Surface Tracking and Champion Tracker Titles

--Sue Volkmer, NKC Member--

There are many journeys in one's life. Some are probably expected, others totally unexpected. I have always loved sports. I started playing sports in elementary school and continued playing competitive hard court volleyball into my early 40's. In fact, I thought I would be playing volleyball in the master's leagues well into my sixties. But, alas, it was not to be. A knee injury followed by some complications post surgery ended my volleyball career. At the same time my dog of sixteen years died. So, there I was.....no volleyball and no dog. The first dog to enter my life at this time (spring 2006) was my beloved Bouvier Zane. He was supposed to be my obedience and agility dog. But he turned out to be quite handsome and much to my surprise, the confirmation wins helped sate my competitive needs. And so, my unexpected journey into the dog world began. But Zane was gone a lot and I was a newbie at dog training, making training a dog for performance and conformation at the same time difficult for me. Plus, let's face it Zane is a little lazy. However, through Zane, I was introduced to the dog sport of tracking. I loved the sport from my first lesson, but I needed a more fulltime partner. So, I decided to fulfill a long-time wish of owning a PBGV. These little hounds made me smile every time I saw one.

Eleanor was a speed demon in her younger days. So, one of the first things we needed to work on was when we started training for VST was slowing Eleanor down. Every dog has their own tracking and article indication style. Eleanor was fast and pretty honest in the fields. But, VST is a different animal all together. Speed can kill in VST. At first, slowing her down got me a lot of not very happy looks and at times she would sit down as if to say "What?"

Leap ahead to March 19, 2017. We had traveled to Overland Park, Kansas for this VST test. Like our TDX experience, this was not our first VST attempt. Eleanor is now over 12 years old, and at times, I can feel the clock ticking for her to reach the pinnacle of the tracking world. It was cloudy and cool on this Sunday morning and there was moisture in the air. I was thinking some rain would be good because it has been really

dry in this part of the country and water (moisture) intensifies scent. We took a 20 minute walk at the hotel hoping to take the edge off. This was one of the more recent things we had tried to slow Miss Eleanor down.

Eleanor's other quirky VST issue was her need to check where the track was not. She has drawn many a smile with her affinity for sewer inlets. But they are scent suckers, so it makes sense. It is my job to not let her get too far off course while checking. This is a job I have struggled with.....mightily.

By the time we get to the draw site, the sun was out. It was going to get hot. I got Eleanor a sausage, egg, and cheese croissant for after her track. I also got some coffee then wandered over to chat with the other competitors and the many workers helping to put on the test. Tracking is a very labor intensive dog sport. It may take a village to raise a child, but it also takes a small army to pull off a tracking test.

At 9:30 AM, the draw began. I was the fourth of five competitors to draw for my track. When I got to the basket holding the draw article (keychains - cute little green L.L. Bean Wellies with a piece of paper with the track number in them) I pick the one on the left. Track 1. Arooooooooooo! No waiting around, but also no chance to watch how the dogs work and see how the site environment impacts the tracks. As soon as the last competitor drew their track and everyone had one last trip to the restroom, we headed to the actual test site, which was a business park a few blocks north of the draw site.

Our track started on grass on the backside of a building with a wooded area and creek to the other side of the track. The judges pointed us the start flag and wished us luck. We approached the start flag, Eleanor took a good whiff of the start article (a small cloth bag) and we were off at a nice easy pace. Our first turn came some 80 yards down the track. Eleanor indicated loss of scent, turned to the right, and headed into a small parking area that opened into a larger parking area. The question: does the track continue into the parking lot or did we overshoot the turn and the track continued on grass? Since Eleanor was not her usual rocket, I assumed she had not overshoot the corner by far and followed her into the parking lot. She looked right, then left and headed into the rough off the parking lot. Then she came back and turned up the parking lot. She wasn't indicating strong scent so I took only a step or two, waiting for her to indicate she was on track. Then, ahead and off to the right on a sidewalk -grass transition I see a bright orange object. I think, "This clearly has to be our first article." Thank you judges for the early positive re-enforcement. I stand my ground and Eleanor swings over to the grass and finds the article. I picked it up and held it high in the air so the judges could see it. The interesting thing here was Eleanor didn't do her usual vocalizing for a reward, she just put her nose down and headed across the larger parking lot.

Here is where I started doing what you should never do... think. I told myself, there was going to be a turn out here. Eleanor continued across the parking lot, across a narrow grass island, across a driveway with some parking, and up a sidewalk to the next building. I began to feel like we missed a corner, something just didn't feel right. So, I stopped and let Eleanor work the area a little, then she turned around and headed back across the parking lot. I expected her to make a turn, but she didn't. She headed all the way back to the vicinity of the article and then turned left, going down along the front of the building we had started behind. I knew it couldn't go all the way down to the end of the building, but Eleanor was pulling about as hard as she had all morning. And, we could have come across the first article by cutting the corner and the track really went down the front and turned out into the parking lot. I was pretty sure this wasn't the case, but let her check. She checked, decided it wasn't right, and headed back to the vicinity of the first article. At the article location, she turned right back across the parking lot where she had crossed the first time. When we got across the grassed island and driveway to a line of parking spaces, Eleanor turned left and head down a large tar strip/crack. A little way down the tar strip, she veered to the right, up to the building.

Then she came back to the tar strip and continued forward. A little further down, she veered to the left over to some really small grass end caps and rough grass.

She worked this area for a short time. As she turned back towards the driveway and building I looked up and saw a dark object laying on the sidewalk almost the whole length of the building ahead of us. “Wow, that looks like our second article!” Eleanor finished her circle, took off across the driveway and up the sidewalk. She gets to the object, stops, and sits. Woohoo!! It was our second article. I picked it up and held it over my head. This time Eleanor let out a loud “Arooooooo” or two. I was getting excited.

This is furthest we had ever gotten in a VST. Plus, I had a good feeling about where the track went from here because of the location of roadways, etc. relative to our track. But, Eleanor has to lead the way. So, I encouraged Eleanor to continue. Off she went, up the sidewalk which shortly ended. We continued on to grass then made a turn to the left. Eleanor was moving right along now because grass holds more scent than hard surfaces. I started to look for anything that could be the final article. The track continued across a driveway, more grass, a sidewalk, more grass, another sidewalk, and yes, more grass. Eleanor then continued into another area of rough. I don't know if she sensed a hesitation from me or what, but she turned back to the short grass and headed down along the side of a building. I admit I thought the track was going to end before the rough, so I did probably hesitate. When we got down almost to the end of the building, Eleanor laid down in the shade. I gave her some water and glanced up to see if the judges had followed us. Nope. So, we were right the first time. Now, to get back to where we were and find that FINAL article. I gave Eleanor a little more water and re-scented her with the start article. I told her she was right and asked her if she could find it. Could she get me back to the track? She got up went to the rough/short grass transition and headed back toward where we had been. She made a left turn on to the track and continued for what seemed like forever in the rough. Then she stopped and buried her nose in the vegetation. I saw it!!!! The FINAL ARTICLE!!! It was a thick piece of brown leather. I picked it up and turned it over looking for the number 4 to confirm it was in fact our final article. I held it high in the air and started to tear up. I hear the judges and track layer cheer. We had done it. We had finally passed our VST!!!! Eleanor had just become only the second PBGV to earn a Champion Tracker title!!! There were hugs and a few more tears, but smiles ruled. It had taken us 39 minutes to complete this 613 yard track. Our judges had been so patient and allowed Eleanor to work the track and figure out where it went. Our journey was complete. She is now CH CT Bradbury's Cross Your Eyes BN RA TD TDX VST CGC.

I would like to think we passed because of the years of hard work we put into this sport. However, we may have passed because of Eleanor's new Easter bunny collar.

I would like to thank Sheryl Bradbury for trusting me with her first PBGV champion and beautiful girl. I would like to thank Gerianne Darnell. She was my first teacher of this great dog sport and more recently provided encouragement, empathy, and support as we struggled with the frustration that sometimes comes with this venue and an aging dog. You have helped me in more ways than you could ever know. To Shelly Rehmeier, my tracking buddy. Thank you for the time, the tracks, the insight, the training tips, the dinners, the breakfasts, the beer, the wine, the laughs, the encouragement, and the friendship. We have spent a lot of time together since Eleanor and I began tracking and we would not have reached this milestone without you. Thank you also to Joe Bradley for the many wonderful photos of Eleanor tracking, and to Ron Weeks and Jan Hague for your support and for laying tracks.

What's our next journey? I think we will try Nose Work.

NKC Standing Committees

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Event Planning	Sue Volkmer
Ways & Means	Sheryl Bradbury
Obedience	Ron Weaks
Recruitment & Retention	Joe Bradley

NKC 2017 Calendar of Events



June 21	Picnic & General Meeting
July 5	Board Meeting
August 2	Board Meeting
August 16	General Meeting
September 2	Barn Hunt Practice
September 6	Board Meeting
September 16 - 17	Barn Hunt Trial
September 20	General Meeting
October 4	Board Meeting
October 18	General Meeting
November 1	Board Meeting
November 12	NKC Tracking Test
November 15	NKC Holiday Party
December 6	Board Meeting

Note: List subject to change

--Sharon Bourke, Editor

**Please come
to the
June NKC Picnic
&
General Meeting
and have fun!!**



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