

# Fox Valley Dog Training Club

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## Waggin' Tales

### NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

*Greetings Fellow Club Members!*

Where did the month go? All of a sudden it is almost the 4th of July. Parker and I graduated from Puppy Class and are in the midst of Advanced Puppy. I'd never taken our formal classes and am finding this a very educational process. I have such an appreciation for our instructors and assistants and their bottomless patience. Especially in the entry level classes, you need to have an abundance of it!

During one of our membership meetings it was asked why we don't recognize all the tracking titles. We agreed to form a committee and ask them to review all titles and make their recommendations. I'm pleased to tell you that the committee (Cathy Fleury, Will Short, Ingrid Hamburger and myself) met on Memorial Day and reviewed the 4 bazillion (ok slight exaggeration – but it felt like that many) titles that AKC gives for obedience, rally, agility and tracking. We added many new titles and you can find the new chart later in the newsletter. My thanks to the committee for pulling this together.

I must plea for your help regarding the handicap parking. The designated parking spaces are really hard to identify, as there are no marked spaces in front of the building. The fairgrounds people do put out signs each week for us but to keep them from falling over they prop them between the orange hurdles. We've gone back and forth on this topic and discussed it at length at the last Board meeting. We came to the decision that the easiest thing would be to say handicap parking is between the two signs. Please help keep these spaces free for those with an official handicap sticker. Thanks everyone for your help on this.

A huge thank you to Ed for working with the Fairgrounds to get our shed repainted. It looks so much better. While I'm talking about Ed, I have to also thank him for his tireless work to get all the equipment setup and ready for our training nights. Would you believe Ed makes a special trip each week just to flatten the mats for us? (They are folded in storage and take a while to completely flatten out) So Ed – thanks from all of us, this is a ton of work but so vital, we appreciate it!

Don't forget to check out the Help Wanted section this month as there are a ton of opportunities and remember to send in your renewal form. You can print a form on our web site or pick one up at the information table on training nights.

See you at training

*Donna Bihner*  
President FVDTC

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### PREMIUM LISTS!

Premium lists for the 2013 Tracking Test (Sunday, September 8) and the Fall Agility Trial (September 14 & 15) are available on the club web site (<http://www.fvdtc.org>) See Ingrid Hamburger (Tracking) or Cathy Fleury (Agility) for more information.

# Help Wanted!

**\*No Experience Required, (in most cases)\***

*Earn your Work Credits....Socialize....Get involved....Learn....Support your Club!*

Date	Event	Location	Further Information	Work Credit
Various	Training Night	Kane County Fairgrounds	Fill in at the front table on nights Cheryl must be absent. Assist folks as they come into the building. Cheryl will train you! Contact Cheryl Hettinger	1
08/15/13	Correction Clinic	U of I Extension Office	Stewards: contact Ingrid Hamburger Judges: contact Sandi Stephenson (experience required). Free run-thru for Volunteers!	1
09/07/13	Tracking Test setup	Tracking location	Contact Ingrid Hamburger	1
09/08/13	Tracking Test	Tracking location	Contact Ingrid Hamburger	1-2
09/13/13	Agility Trial Setup	Sportplex on Dean Street	Contact Cathy Fleury	1
09/14 & 09/15	Agility Trial	Sportplex on Dean Street	Contact Cathy Fleury	1-2
09/18/13	Membership Meeting	U of I Extension Office	<b>Easy way to earn a work credit!</b>	1
09/24/13	Correction Clinic	Kane County Fairgrounds	Stewards: contact Ingrid Hamburger Judges: contact Sandi Stephenson (experience required). Free run-thru for Volunteers!	1

*If you want to list a volunteer opportunity send an email to Donna Bihner at [president@fvdtc.org](mailto:president@fvdtc.org)*

## FVDTC AWARD LEVELS FOR 2013

Level	Titles	NOTE: Explanation of Titles		
1	CH BN PCD	AIP = Excellent Jumpers "A" Preferred	NF=Agility Fast Novice	
	RN	AX=Agility Excellent	NJP=Novice Jumpers Preferred	
2	CD GN PCDX	AXJ=Excellent Agility Jumper	OA=Open Agility	
	NA NAJ NAP NJP NF NFP	AXP=Agility Excellent "A" Preferred	OAJ=Open Agility Jumpers	
	RA	BN=Beginner Novice	OAP=Open Agility Preferred	
	VCD1	CD=Companion Dog	OF=Agility Fast Open	
3	CDX GO PUdT	CDX=Companion Dog Excellent	OGM=Obedience Grand Master	
	OA OAJ OAP OJP OF OFF	CGCH=Conformation Grand Champion	OJP=Open Jumpers Preferred	
	RE	CH=Champion	OM=Obedience Master	
	TD	CT=Champion Tracker (TX, TDX, VST)	OTCH=Obedience Trial Champion	
	VCD2	GN=Graduate Novice	PAX=Preferred Agility Excellent	
	4	UD VER	GO=Graduate Open	PACH=Preferred Agility Champion
		AX AXJK ASP AJP XF XFP	MACH=Master Agility Champion	PCD=Pre Novice
RAE		MJB=Master Bronze Jumper (25 Qualifying runs)	PCDX=Pre Open	
TDX		MJC=Master Century Jumpers (100 Q's)	PUdT=Pre Utility	
VCD3		MJG=Master Gold Jumper (75 Q's)	RA=Rally Advanced	
5	UDX OM OGM	MJP=Master Century Jumpers Preferred (100 Q's)	RAE=Rally Advanced Excellent	
	MX MXJ MXP MUP MXF MFP	MJP=Master Excellent Jumpers "B" Preferred	RE=Rally Excellent	
	MXB MJB MFB MXPB	MJPB=Master Bronze Jumper Preferred	RN=Rally Novice	
	MXS MJS MFS MXPS	MJPG=Master Gold Jumper Preferred (75 Q's)	T2B(P)=Time to Beat (preferred)	
	MXG MJG MFG MXPG	MJPS=Master Silver Jumper Preferred (50 Q's)	TD=Tracking Dog	
	MXC MJC MFC MXPC T2B T2BP	MJS=Master Silver Jumper (50 Q's)	TDX=Tracking Dog Excellent	
	VCD4	MX=Master Agility Excellent	UD=Utility Dog	
	VST	MXF=Agility Master Fast Excellent	UDX=Utility Dog Excellent	
	6	OTCH MACH PACH VCCH CT**	MXJ=Master Agility Jumper	VCD1-4=Versatile Companion
			MXP=Master Agility Excellent "B" Preferred	VER=Versatility
		NA=Novice Agility	VST=Variable Surface Tracker	
		NAJ=Novice Agility Jumpers	XF=Agility Fast Excellent	
		NAP=Novice Agility Preferred	VCCH=OTCH, MACH or PACH & CT	
		Versatile Companion Dog 1 (VCD1) = CD, NA, NAJ, TD or CD, NAP, NJP, TD		
		Versatile Companion Dog 2 (VCD2) = CDX, OA, OAJ, TD or CDX, OAP, OJP, TD		
		Versatile Companion Dog 3 (VCD3) = UD, AX, AXJ, TDX or UD, AXP, AJP, TDX		
		Versatile Companion Dog 4 (VCD4) = UDX, MX, MXJ, VST or UDX, MXP, MJP, VST		

### Notes:

Members may earn awards for titles with levels. Ex: UDX2 or UDX3

CT\*\* The CT is a title given when you earn three tracking titles. When you finish the third tracking title, the award selected may be from the level of that title (either TDX or VST) OR from Level 6 OR any other level."

# MEMBERSHIP MEETING HIGHLIGHTS - MARCH 20, 2013

Meeting brought to order at 7:48 p.m.

**Carolyn Pearson (Secretary).** The January 16 Meeting minutes were approved as published. No club members present at the meeting had responded positively in response to Carolyn's question whether any club member at the meeting had responded to the recent Constant Contact message regarding changes to the Illinois laws that impact the dog community. John said eight of the 90 subscribers had read the message. Donna stated that several items in the first aid kit needed to be replenished.

**Wendy Waddick (Second Vice-President)** was not at the meeting, but Donna reported that Wendy was in the process of scheduling programs for future membership meetings.

**Dana Weller (Treasurer)** was not at the meeting, but reported that the 2012 taxes are in progress.

**Terri Byerly (Director of Training)** reported that the recent instructors' meeting was fantastic! There was a lot of great input at the meeting and positive feedback after the meeting. THANK YOU to everyone who attended and participated in the discussions!

She stated that there is a new need for a conformation instructor; the volunteer must have some conformation handling experience. In lieu of a regular weekly instructor, there will be an ad-hoc rotation of instructors without a pre-arranged schedule. Additionally, Terri reminded club members that they can work themselves.

Terri stated that the new Beginner 2 class was filled within approximately 24 hours of announcing it! Reports of the first night of this new class were very positive!

Terri announced that the following should be added to the club's Roles and Responsibilities.

- Instructors must find their own substitute for any absences. A contact list to use has been provided to all current instructors.
- Instructors must sign in each night of training to enable work credits to be accurately recorded.
- Instructors' dogs must not be loose in a ring. When not being used for a demonstration, they must either be in a crate, held on leash outside the ring by a fellow handler or in a vehicle weather permitting (this is a reminder of an existing rule).
- In order to receive work credits for that session, instructors must be at a minimum of five classes taught.

In response to Terri question for the projected completion date for the "members only" area of the web site to be secure, Dave Lewis stated that a brief demonstration will be available during the May Membership meeting. The "members only" area will be secured to allow only members access.

Terri reported that unless there are more positive responses by March 28th, the upcoming workshop "Teaching is not the Same as Training" scheduled for April 14th might be canceled. She asked that anyone who is interested in attending this workshop, to contact her at dot@fvdtc.org, as soon as possible.

Terri also reported that there was a recent dog-on-dog incident at training. She stated that she has discussed the situation with both parties. Terri reminded all trainers that everyone is allowed/entitled/expected to protect your dog. However, once the dogs are separated, each handler should attend to their own

dog, and not "punish" the other dog. All club members have a responsibility to be aware of any potential incident. Terri stated that as DOT, she was not inclined to create broad and hard fast rules for incidents which occur, it was much better to address each incident on a case-by-case basis.

Terri reminded club members that dogs wearing an orange scarf should be afforded their space. Additionally, Barb Misch, who is making a new batch of the scarves, will now include an 'orange ribbon' that can be attached to the dog's leash. She also asked that instructors periodically remind students the reason that dogs are wearing the scarves and/or the leash ribbons.

Donna thanked the DOT and ADOT for all their hard work.

**Sue MacPherson (Membership Chairperson)** read the names of eleven new applicants which were published in recent Waggin' Tales. None of the applicants were present at the meeting. Sue made a motion to accept the list as read. Joyce Conway seconded the motion. The list was accepted by all members present, with no one opposed or abstaining. Welcome to all new members!

**Ingrid Hamburger (Tracking Test Chairperson)** reported that the Tracking Test is now listed on the AKC website. Ingrid stated that although the TDX entry fee information is listed on the AKC website, she must contact them to have the TD entry fee information included.

**Barb Runkle (Public Education Coordinator)** was not at the meeting, but reported that she is organizing a raffle at the Agility Trial with the proceeds going to the Tracking Test. She is still in need of donations.

**Cathy Fleury (Agility Trial Chairperson)** was not at the meeting, but reported that she needs volunteers for the upcoming Agility Trials.

**Cheryl Hettinger (Annual Dinner Chairperson)** reported that plans for the Bone-Anza themed dinner is on schedule. She asked that everyone wishing to attend to PLEASE send in your RSVP and money to her or Candy Ellis. Currently, there is low attendance. She stated that if an RSVP is not received by April 4th, the committee will not be able to order food for you. PLEASE - PLEASE - PLEASE reserve your spot TODAY!

Cheryl stated that the site's deposit has been sent and the caterer has been confirmed. Cheryl also reported that raffle donations are starting to pour in. Any donated item that is not necessary for a dinner attendee will be given to the Agility Trial's raffle. She reminded everyone to acknowledge the vendors who donate to the raffle.

NEW NEWS – Cheryl said that she is already looking for committee members for next year's dinner, which would like to help and are computer savvy. There is a lot of work for the dinner that is computer related and in order for her to continue organizing the dinner; she is going to need more of those volunteers. She is seeking members who are not afraid of the computer and have a little skill with Word, Excel and Publisher. Individuals wishing to volunteer must have a little creativity and can independently with only a little guidance from her. Cheryl said that in her dinner committee utopia, she provides the basic idea and then watches it bloom through all the committee members. She stated that the dinner "needs a redo", so please volunteer and have a BLAST with the committee!

Cheryl reminded everyone that alcohol will not be available at

the dinner and we are not allowed to bring any to the site.

**Nancy Einwich (Awards Co-chairperson)** reported that our vendors either already have some items or complete or are currently working on completing the items. Cheryl also reminded everyone to submit votes for the Sally Compton and Rookie of the Year awards. She had ballots available at the meeting.

**Sandi Stephenson (Match Chairperson - Judges)** provided the following list of judges for upcoming correction clinics.

Class	March 2013	April 2013	May 2013
Novice 1	Will Short	Sandi Stephenson	Marian Lazzara
Novice 2	Loretta Lazzara	Sandy Davis	Will Short
Open 1	Candy Ellis	Marian Lazzara	Loretta Lazzara
Open 2	Sandi Stephenson	Candy Ellis	Sandi Stephenson
Utility 1	Marian Lazzara	Rick Cox	Rick Cox
Utility 2	Rick Cox	Loretta Lazzara	Will Short
Rally	Joyce Conway	Barb Runkle	Joyce Conway

**Willie Santiago (CGC Test Coordinator)** reported that there are 12 paid entries for the March 28th CGC test. In response to Carolyn's question, Willie stated the next CGC test has not yet been scheduled. All club members are encouraged to consider signing up for the next CGC test.

**Pat Senne (Match Chairperson - Coordinator)** stated that next correction clinic is scheduled for March 28th

The club is offering an AKC Sanctioned Match again on June 20, 2013. Anyone knowing of potential judge looking for assignments should contact Sandi and/or the individual to let them know of the opportunity the club provides.

Sandi also reminded club members that if they have committed to a judging assignment, but are not able to fulfill that commitment, to please find a substitute and also inform her of the change.

**Ingrid Hamburger (Match Steward Chairperson)** reported that stewards are still needed for the March 28th Correction Clinic. Additionally, the club is hosting a CGC test on March 28th which also requires volunteers to be successful.

**Barb Misch (Scholarship Chairperson)** was not at the meeting, but reported that the submission deadline of June 30th is approaching quicker than most realize. There is a final push to get the word out that the applications are available on our website and are being accepted between March 15th and June 30th.

**David Thornell (Waggin' Tales Editor)** thanked Dave Lewis for doing several of the past issues of the Waggin' Tales while his computer was out of commission. Additionally, he thanked Donna for helping obtain the software.

### Monthly Dollar Bucket

...and the winner of \$10.50 is Ingrid Hamburger as drawn by club member, Donna Nuger. In addition to the remaining \$10.50 donated to the Tracking Test fundraising effort, Ingrid donated her winnings to the Tracking Test fundraising effort.

### Old Business

- Handicapped Parking Spaces
  - Donna thanked Ed Herdes for contacting the fairgrounds about getting the handicapped signs and reminded the club members to adhere to them.
- Web Site Redesign

- Dave Lewis reported that he is currently working on a password-secured Members' Only page for the updated website. The first phase of this page will enable members to update their own roster information, such as address changes, changing or adding breeds. Additionally the page will enable club members to record their work events for work credits and awards eligibility. Donna thanked Dave for the great job and his hard work. Terri Byerly also thanked Donna Bihner for her effort in the redesign. There will be a demonstration of the members' only page at the May 15th Membership Meeting.

### • Chiropractor Dates

- Donna announced that the club's calendar on the website has been updated for the rest of 2013 with the dates that Dr. E. O'Connor will be taking on-site appointments for your pups. Donna stated that Dr. O'Connor offers special rates for puppies.

### New Business

- Cheryl Hettinger thanked Sue MacPherson for volunteering to sit at the Information Table, starting at 6:00 p.m. The help is greatly appreciated!
- New Lost and Found 'Service' - Carolyn reported that the 'memory challenged' trainers will soon be able to send an e-mail message through the website to see if a lost item(s) was found at the training building. If the item was found, arrangements can be made to retrieve it on the next training night.

- Barb Bonner asked why an award for the Champion Tracker (CT) title was not offered at the level of an OTCH or MACH title. In response to that question, Carolyn stated that the title was received as a result of earning the TD and the TDX and the VST titles, whereas the OTCH and MACH are earned as a result of continuing competition and additional AKC requirements. Additionally, Peggy Sue Seehafer stated that when the question was presented in the past, the Board made a financial decision. After more discussion, John Senne made a motion to address the request with more analysis and research by a separate committee. The motion was seconded. The motion was accepted by members present, with three opposed and no one abstaining. Donna suggested that the committee should consist of, at a minimum, the current Awards Committee members, the Obedience Trial chair, the Tracking Test chair and the Agility Trials chairs.
- Cheryl reminded club members that we list the names of our generous awards' dinner raffle prizes on the website as a way of acknowledging their generosity, not necessarily endorsing them. This disclaimer will be included when that information is presented on the club's website.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 p.m.

## BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS - APRIL 17, 2013

Meeting brought to order at 7:35 p.m.

**Carolyn Pearson (Secretary)**. The February Meeting minutes were approved as published. One item of correspondence was read.

**Ed Herdes (First Vice-President)** asked whether the invoice presented by Brian Ruppert for the work on the external shed included the painting. Carolyn stated that she would check with Dana Weller to review the invoice. If it was not included, Dave Lewis stated that his son Joshua would be available during the summer to paint it. Ed stated that he would also be able to paint when the weather permits.

**Wendy Waddick (Second Vice-President)** was not in attendance, but sent the following report. She stated that she has scheduled Lisa Smith with Pet Partners for the May 15th Membership meeting to speak about therapy dogs. Additionally, Wendy is currently working on attaining a speaker from TDI. She was given the name by Jan Winters, but has not heard back from her as of today. As always, any other suggestions are welcome. She stated that she is also considering asking Bill McGuffy to present his various items.

**Dana Weller (Treasurer)** was not in attendance, but provided the income and expense report for the first quarter of 2013 for distribution at the meeting.

**Terri Byerly (Director of Training)** reported that she will be assisting Loretta Lazzara in the new 7:00 p.m. Beginner 2 class starting with Session 3. Therefore an Assistant Instructor will be needed to help David Thornell, the primary instructor, for the Session 3 7:00 p.m. Beginner's class starting for.

**In response to Sue MacPherson's (Membership Chairperson)** question about the fact that the members voted on at the January Membership meeting were NOT published as originally stated at the meeting, it was determined that because this was simply a mistake and not purposely done, the voting in process was still valid.

**Barb Runkle (Public Education Coordinator)** stated that the raffle held during the recent Agility Trials were very successful. Thanks to everyone who donated items and volunteered to help, the raffle raised \$344.00 to be used for the September Tracking Test expenses.

**Will Short (Obedience Trial Chairperson)** reported that Jim

Ham has agreed to judge the Beginner's Utility class for our 2013 trial.

**Ingrid Hamburger (Tracking Test Chairperson)** thanked Barb Runkle for the \$344.00 earned during the agility trials' raffles. Ingrid stated that more trophies will need to be ordered for next year's test. She will get the contact information from the awards committee for the business currently used.

**Cathy Fleury (Agility Trial Chairperson)** was not at the meeting, but reported that the Spring Agility Trials were a success as they received many compliments. In spite of the fact that it was Easter weekend, the trial was full with a wait list for both days. She stated that an order will be placed prior to the Fall Agility Trials for First Place and New Title ribbons

She thanked all of the Agility Trial committee members and the club members who volunteered at the trial. She stated that she is continually amazed at how quickly the set up and tear down happens. She also extended a special thank you to Donna Bihner for all of her help with the Worker Sign up. Cathy reported that she is in the process of providing the report and paperwork to Dana.

**Dave Lewis (Director at Large)** reported that his attempts to create a function to calculate the membership dues are more difficult than anticipated. He has included the information from the current membership database.

### Old Business

- In response for clarification, Terri stated that the area in front of each of the orange dividers are to be considered the handicapped parking spaces. That is typically where the fairgrounds have placed the signs.

### New Business

- Donna sought feedback from the Board members regarding an e-mail from the Anderson Animal Shelter suggesting a 'partnership' between the club and the shelter. Carolyn stated that although there have been

club members involved with the shelter in the past; we have not had any official relationship. Donna stated that she will contact them to find out more details for their proposal.

- Health Certificate Form Update - Terri Byerly asked whether there was a policy in place to enable class students or club members to identify that their dog has been vaccinated or titered for parvovirus and distemper. Following the discussion, it was agreed that Carolyn will update the health certificate form with the 'titer question'. Once the form has been updated, she will send it to Nancy Pederson (class registrar).
- Aggressive Dog Discussion – After much discussion, the Board's consensus was that any type of aggressive

dog incident must be dealt with on a case by case. In many situations of aggression, it is not clearcut as to which dog initiated the physical contact.

- In response to Donna's request for Board member feedback regarding the resurrected policy of instructor's dogs in the rings, many of the Board members stated that as long as the dog was being used for demonstration, this was appropriate. Additionally, Terri stated that she would include the 'x-pen' to the list of acceptable containment methods. However, if the dog does not remain in the x-pen, a crate would be required. Other Board members stated that there has not been a problem with instructor's dogs and therefore the policy was unnecessary.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

### **For Sale!**

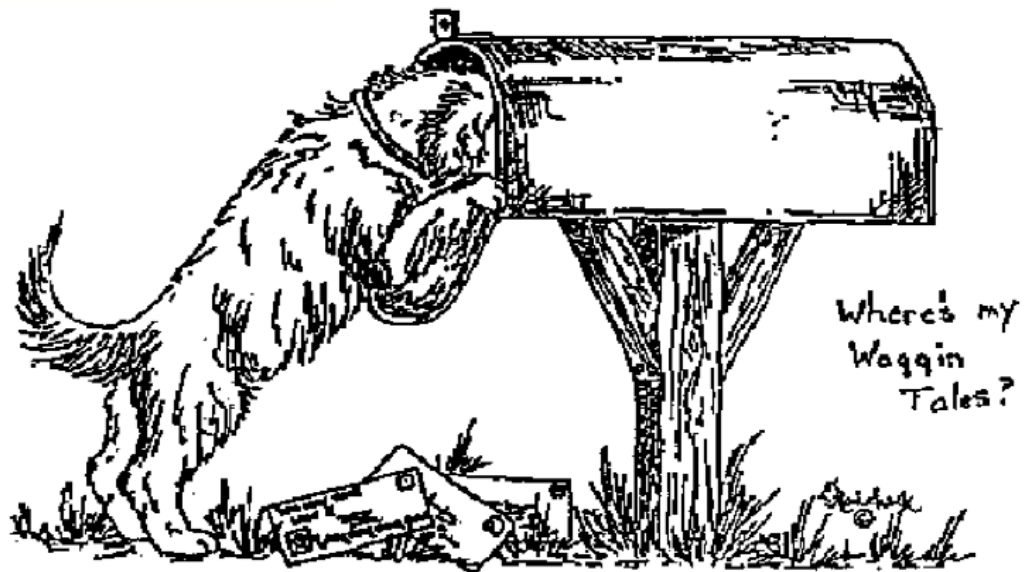
Midwest Model 502 Sheltie size crate – gold tone – used once - \$40.00

Doggone Good X-Large utility bag – burgundy and black – Brand New \$35.00

See Paulette Zecca (Pomeranians) at club or call 708/449-2348



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### July 2013

- 2 **Tuesday** Regular Training  
8:00pm Puppy Class Ends
- 9 **Tuesday** Regular Training  
8:00pm Puppy Class Starts
- 18 **Thursday** Board Meeting
- 25 **Thursday** Regular Training  
Animal Chiropractic

### August 2013

- 1 **Thursday** Regular Training  
Beginner Ends (7 & 8pm)  
Puppy Ends (7:00pm)  
Beginner 2 Ends
- 8 **Thursday** Regular Training  
Beginner Begins (6, 7, 8 & 9pm)  
Puppy Begins (7:00pm)  
Beginner 2 Begins (7:00pm)
- 15 **Thursday** Correction Clinic
- 21 **Wednesday** Board Meeting
- 22 **Thursday** Regular Training

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