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Meeting Notice

Meetings are the (U.N.O.)

2nd Wed. of the month at:

Allied Gardens Rec Center, 5155
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Board Mtgs at 7 p.m. (UNO),
followed by a General
Membership Meeting

Next Meetings are

January 8
&
February 12

TICK DISEASE , by Susan Chaney

The Editor has put this article in this edition to let everyone know that ticks are still out there and don't rely on your monthly/quarterly applications/pills. I would not wish what I went through last month with my Setter, Clancy, on anyone. He contracted ehrlichiosis. Probably from a tick up north on one of our excursions, but could have got it here locally. Leading up to his problem he showed none of the classic symptoms mention below, in part to his overall good health, until his nose bleeding began in early December. Even though your schedule may not permit, the best prevention for your dog, when coming in from any outdoor excursion, seems to be a good comb out and brush. Clancy is back to normal but will be on meds through the end of March.

Tick disease isn't as simple as it appeared to be a decade ago. Researchers and clinicians have learned a lot more about the many bacteria, referred to as "pathogens," that cause the various diseases. And veterinarians now have access to much better diagnostic tools, such as DNA tests that can tell you not only that your dog has been exposed to babesia, for example, but that it's actually infected with *Babesia canis* or *Babesia gibsoni*, in particular. This distinction allows your veterinarian to treat your dog appropriately, giving it the best chance of recovering, although, in many cases, a dog's immune system will eliminate the pathogen, in what's called an "immunological cure," with no treatment required.

It's Still About Prevention

Nonetheless, Edward B. Breitschwerdt, D.V.M., Ph.D., a professor of internal medicine at North Carolina State University College of Veterinary Medicine, is quick to repeat the often heard adage, "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."

Even after doing years of research into tick-borne diseases, he knows that it's much better if ticks just never attach to your dog.

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MESSAGE FROM THE NEW PRESIDENT

Happy New Year, everyone!

Taking on the president of the Irish Setter Club of San Diego makes one wonder "What was I thinking?" BUT as a long time member the need to participate on a wider range was the answer to that question. So here we go 2014.

This year offers members the ability to share new ideas and possibilities. Long time members are the back bone of this club. We will offer new members a chance to participate and share new ideas about what we all want for the breed and where we want the club to go this year. For instance, we have the Specialty show in Del Mar on February 21; marching in the St Patrick's Day Parade in March for registered members; 2 Play Days- with food and fun time for our RedHeads; and awards presentation dinner.

I would encourage all members to talk to me and board members about additions and concerns.

The ISCS D Specialty is upon us within a month. All members are invited to participate in many ways to make the show a success. There are openings for helping out with the raffle tickets, trophy donations, bringing food or water, participating in events or just showing up to show support.

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TICK DISEASE *,continued from page 1*

“I know some people are afraid of the acaricide products, but I use them on my dogs 365 days a year,” he says. “I know they’re the safest and most effective products we’ve had in the history of veterinary medicine.” He’s referring to the flea and tick preventives that include chemicals that keep ticks from biting, attaching, then sharing the pathogens that cause babesiosis, Rocky Mountain spotted fever, ehrlichiosis and other diseases. You may never have even heard of some of them, such as bartonellosis and hepatozoonosis. In the veterinary profession, all but Rocky Mountain spotted fever and Lyme disease are usually referred to with “canine” in front of the disease name.

The vast majority of dogs that have been exposed to ehrlichia, rickettsia and other tick-borne pathogens never have any symptoms of infection. However, the diseases that sometimes develop can have very different symptoms and outcome in dogs than they do in people. In addition, both diagnosis and treatment can be challenging, Breitschwerdt says.

It takes only seven kinds of ticks to spread these bacteria around the country. To find out where these ticks live and which pathogens they transmit, you may want to read “[Ticks in America](#).” It includes links to Centers for Disease Control and Prevention maps of where each tick makes its home. One of them, the brown dog tick (*Rhipicephalus sanguineus*), is known to transmit three of the pathogens, possibly five, and it lives in every region of the United States, except a very small part of Utah.

One Size Does Not Fit All

One reason research into tick-borne diseases is important is that not all tick-borne diseases can be treated effectively with the same antibiotics and the same course of treatment.

Breitschwerdt says one group, the infections from rickettsias, anaplasmas and ehrlichias, often responds well to doxycycline or another tetracycline. “For those diseases, if the diagnosis is wrong but the treatment is given, the animal is likely to respond,” he says. However, with rickettsia, the cause of Rocky Mountain spotted fever, a seven-day course is recommended, while four weeks of antibiotic treatment are needed for anaplasmas and ehrlichias. Even with four weeks of doxycycline, a subset of dogs may not be cured.

Babesia, on the other hand, “requires specific drugs directed at those protozoa,” Breitschwerdt says. *Babesia canis* and *Babesia gibsoni* are the most common cause of babesiosis in North America, and “the drugs used for *canis* don’t work for *gibsoni*.” He points out that one of his former doctoral students, Adam Birkenheuer, Ph.D., has done a lot of work on babesia at North Carolina State for that exact reason: the treatment is different.

In fact, babesias are divided into “large” and “small,” based on their physical size. *Babesia canis* is large, while *Babesia gibsoni* is small, Breitschwerdt explains. “The large babesias respond well to treatment,” with dogs recovering completely. “Small babesias are more difficult to treat. Ten to 20 percent [of dogs] don’t respond or clear the infection.”

It’s through the use of DNA analysis that treatment can now target particular types of large or small babesias. “Historically, the diagnosis of babesiosis was based upon looking for the organism in the red blood cells under the microscope,” Breitschwerdt says. “For many years, that’s the only technology veterinary medicine had. We thought all small babesias were one species and all large were one species. In the last 10 years, we’ve found a lot of babesias that we had not known to exist.”

This might seem too complicated for the average veterinarian to manage, but Breitschwerdt says the university gets consultation requests “every day” on how to treat babesia. The university’s website includes recommended protocols for treating the various types, including *Babesia conradae*, found in Southern California, and *Babesia* “coco,” which is so new that it doesn’t have an official name yet. “We try to share that information,” he says.

Babesiosis, Lyme, bartonellosis and hepatozoonosis are the more chronic and debilitating diseases. For hepatozoonosis, a combination of anti-protozoal drugs are prescribed off-label, meaning they weren’t specifically developed to treat this tick-borne disease. “But that’s all we have,” he says. Despite long-term – up to six months of – treatment with multiple drugs, dogs infected with *Hepatozoon americanum* often relapse.

The Secret’s In the DNA

One thing that’s in dogs’ favor, however, is the development of tests that can more accurately identify the various pathogens. With dogs that regularly are exposed to ticks, annual screening can help their veterinarians recognize tick-transmitted infections when symptoms first develop. For example, Idexx had a heartworm test, which now also identifies antibodies to *Borrelia burgdorferi*, the cause of Lyme disease; three *Ehrlichia* species and two *Anaplasma* species, in eight minutes right at the veterinary clinic. Although antibodies only document exposure to one or more of these six tick-borne pathogens, the information allows the veterinarian to determine if additional testing is needed and if preventive products are being used routinely.

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When it was first introduced about a decade ago, Breitschwerdt says there was a lot of debate as to whether it was a good thing. “In other words, ‘Was it creating more confusion than it was worth?’” After all, just because your dog’s been exposed to *Ehrlichia ewingii*, for example, it doesn’t mean he’s sick.

“My conclusion now is that it’s a good thing and like all diagnostic testing modalities, the veterinarians who are using the test have to understand the limitations of that test to use it correctly. Positive results indicate that a dog has been exposed. It doesn’t mean it’s still infected.”

Despite the fact that all preliminary chain reaction (PCR) testing has limitations, as do all testing modalities, Breitschwerdt says such DNA testing has “revolutionized infectious disease diagnosis.” If a veterinarian knows a dog has been exposed to *Ehrlichia ewingii*, for example, then the dog shows up months later with a fever and loss of appetite, “It gives you a whole lot of justification for treating the animal with antibiotics.” With earlier diagnosis, the chances of full recovery are better.

Know the Signs

It helps to know the possible clinical signs associated with tick disease, so you can get your dog treated promptly.

If Lyme disease is common where you live, watch for swollen joints, loss of appetite, fever and fatigue. Although Lyme is common around the U.S., “the less common ones are more important,” according to Susan E. Little, D.V.M., a parasitology professor at Oklahoma State University Center for Veterinary Health Sciences. Dogs with ehrlichiosis also lose their appetites, but often have a fever, and runny eyes and nose. The symptoms move on to “nose bleeds, swollen limbs and muscle pain,” she says. Three to 5 percent of dogs who become sick with ehrlichiosis die from “severe internal bleeding.”

“With anaplasmosis, dogs have fever, lose their appetites, have stiff joints and are lethargic,” she says. “They may also vomit and have diarrhea. In extreme cases, they will have seizures as well.” Rocky Mountain spotted fever may start with fever, of course, and stiffness, but then it progresses to neurological problems, as well as skin lesions.

Babesiosis is evident by anemia, pale gums, general weakness and vomiting. Little points out that *Babesia gibsoni* can be spread from dog to dog via dog bites. “There’s a high rate in pit bulls and fighting breeds,” she says. Breitschwerdt says he and his team have tested American Pit Bull Terrier kennels in the Southwest where every single dog tested PCR positive (actively infected) for babesia. However, he says, dogs of this breed “generally do not have” any symptoms of infection.

Bartonellosis is “less well-recognized and understood,” Little says. “There are more tick-borne diseases out there that we don’t know about than we do.” It causes fever and intermittent lameness, but can lead to heart or liver disease.

A unique method of transmission sets hepatozoonosis apart from other tick diseases. A dog must eat a tick that carries the pathogen in order to contract it. “Most infected dogs are not clinically ill,” Little says, “however, those that do get sick are very sick with fever, runny eyes and nose, and muscle wasting.”

No good statistics exist on what percentage of dogs is treated for the various tick diseases or how many dogs die from them.

So, regardless of the progress made in identifying and treating tick-borne infections, prevention is the best weapon against illness and potential death.

SYMPTOMS: LOSS OF APPETITE, WEIGHT LOSS, LETHARGY, LIMPING, FEVER, NOSE BLEEDING AND WEAKNESS. HOWEVER, THEY VARY SIGNIFICANTLY FROM INFECTION TO INFECTION AND DOG TO DOG AND CAN OCCUR WITHIN DAYS OR LINGER FOR WEEKS/MONTHS WITHOUT ANY SIGNS. 🍀

Article supplied by new bride Kathy Whiteis (CONRADULATIONS!)



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SPRING SPECIALITY SHOW

We hope you will join us for our spring specialties

**Del Mar Fairgrounds
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Make it a 4 show weekend!!

**Morning Specialty: Friday, February 21, 2014
Judge: Mr. Thomas J. Feneis
Sweepstakes: Kristy Hanes**

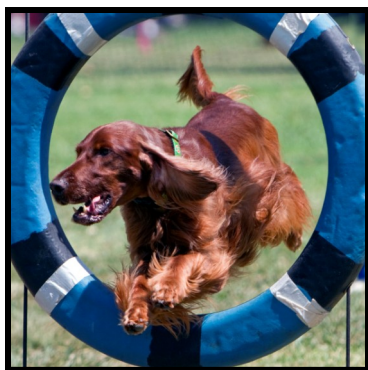
**Afternoon Specialty: Friday, February 21, 2014
Judge: Mrs. Terry M. Depietro**

**Show Secretary: Carolyn Sisson (619) 466-9792
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**Supported Entry: Saturday, February 22, 2013
Silver Bay Kennel Club of San Diego
Judge: Ms. Wendy L. Paquette**

**Supported Entry: Sunday, February 23, 2014
Silver Bay Kennel Club of San Diego
Judge: Mr. Henry (Hank) J. Williams**

**Superintendent: Jack Bradshaw
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TROPHY DONATIONS NEEDED BY FEBRUARY 7, 2014

With the new year, comes our Specialty Show . We are soliciting for trophy donations. Listed below are the trophies still available. We hope, if you haven't already donated, you will step up and help support our club and make this specialty one of our best yet! Let us know your 1st and 2nd choice of trophies, just in case your 1st choice has been taken. If you would like to make a monetary donation to the general trophy fund, that is fine too! All donations are greatly appreciated. I know we are all feeling the crunch of our slow economy, but hopefully with all of us helping out, we can make this specialty happen. Thanks for your support and help in making our club a success!!

Please make your checks payable to the Irish Setter Club of San Diego and send to:

Alexis Heath
1457 Blue Lilac Lane
Alpine, CA 91901

Thank you so much for your continuing support
and we hope to see you at the show!

Available Trophies:

Winners Dog - \$35
Winners Bitch - \$35
6-9 Puppy Dog - \$20
9-12 Puppy Dog - \$20
12-18 Junior Dog - \$20
Novice Dog - \$20
Amateur Owner Handler Dog - \$20
Field Trial Bitch—\$20

American Bred Dog—\$20
Open Dog—\$20
6-9 Puppy Bitch—\$20
9-12 Puppy Bitch—\$20
American Breed Bitch—\$20
Veteran Dog—\$20
Field Trial Dog—\$20

MAKE PLANS FOR ST. PATRICK'S PARADE

St. Patrick's Day Parade and Picnic
Saturday, March 15, 2014
Balboa Park, San Diego



Immediately following the parade we'll meet back at the parking lot and have a picnic in the Alcazar Flower Gardens. The club will supply the main dish (corned beef), drinks, plates, utensils, etc. Please bring a dish to share and your own chair. The color of the day is "GREEN", so plan your dog's ensemble (and yours!) accordingly.

This is a fun day to spend with other club members and their Irish. Everyone is Irish on St. Patrick's Day weekend !!

HOLIDAY PARTY

Thank you Teresa and Jamie Velasquez for opening your home and providing the main course, a delicious turkey. And a big thank you to all the members that brought all the additional buffet items to make for a wonderful evening of holiday cheer and setting the tone for the holiday season.



BOARD & GENERAL MEETING MINUTES 11/2/2013

Irish Setter Club of San Diego

Board Meeting: called to order at 1:30 pm.

Board Members present: Therasa Lee, Kathy Whiteis, Chris Cohen-Richards, Valerie Mahoney, Madelon McGowan, Teresa Velasquez, Lynne Aung, and Alexis Heath.

No business to pass.

Meeting adjourned at 1:31 pm.

General Meeting: called to order at 1:34 pm.

Members present: Therasa Lee, Ian Lee, Connor Lee, Cathy Dever, Dick Whiteis, Kathy Whiteis Lynne Aung, Robert Rez, Sherry Rez, Jaime Velasquez, Teresa Velasquez, Madelon McGowan, Alice Borg, Rick Borg, Chris Cohen-Richards, Valerie Mahoney, Alexis Heath, Myrna Burleigh, and Linda Kenan.

Minutes of October meeting read and approved. Motion by Linda Kenan, seconded by Kathy Whiteis.

Reports:

President NTR

Vice-President NTR

Secretary NTR

Treasurer October report read. Income of \$153.50 (\$3.50 Bitch & Brag, \$150 Rescue).
The renewal for club insurance will be paid in November but is due December 1st. There were expenses of \$79.39 for costume contest rewards for the Fall Play Day.

Committees:

Newsletter Photos need to be sent in the 1st week of November to get them in the newsletter. The Costume Contest winners and participants will be included in the newsletter.

Membership NTR

Rescue Sherry Rez received a call from a gentleman potentially interested in adoption.

Facebook NTR

Legislative Liaison NTR

Rec Center NTR

Old Business

Show Discussion:

Kathy Whiteis purchased the towels and will be passing them over to Myrna Burleigh. She purchased two extra towels since she was unable to get the chairs from Natalie Gaylord. Chris Cohen-Richards is still unable to reach anyone with Silverbay. He has

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created a diagram to show how we will set up our space at Silverbay. However, he does not know to whom it should be forwarded too. It was recommended that he contact Barbara Scott.

2014 Officer Slate: No nominations from the floor were received. Therasa Lee will need to be removed from the slate as secretary. Since we have a white ballot, it will only need to be approved at the December meeting.

New Business

The Christmas Party will be held at Jaime and Teresa Velasquez' home on December 7th at 6:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 2:07 pm. Motion, Alexis Heath, second, Linda Kenan. 

BOARD & GENERAL MEETING MINUTES 12/7/2013

Irish Setter Club of San Diego

Board Meeting: called to order at 7:39 PM by Vice-president Chris Cohen-Richards at the home pf Teresa and Jaime Velasquez.

Members present:

Alice and Rick Borg, Myrna Burleigh, Chris Cohen-Richards, Cathy Dever, Madelon McGowan, Kathy and Dick Whiteis, Therasa and Ian Lee, Valerie Mahoney, Sherry and Robert Rez, Alexis Heath, Linda Kenan.

No business to pass.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm. Motion by Kathy Whiteis, second by Alice Borg.

General Meeting: called to order at 7:41 PM by Vice-president Chris Cohen-Richards.

He thanked Teresa and Jaime Velasquez for hosting our Christmas party this year.

Minutes of the November meeting read. No additions or corrections; motion to accept minutes by Linda Kenan, second by Madelon McGowan.

Reports:

President	NTR
Vice-president	NTR
Secretary	NTR
Treasurer	Report presented.

Committee:

Facebook	Ian Lee-We now have 103 members.
Newsletter	Chris Cohen-Richards-when submitting pictures and items, be sure to include dates, names, time and place.

BOARD & GENERAL MEETING MINUTES 12/7/2013

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Rescue	Sherry Rez-She will liaise with the new Los Angeles rescue committee.
Rec Center	Kathy Whiteis-A very dreary meeting with sparse attendance, probably due to so many staff replacements; no one seems to be in charge.
Membership	No new members.

Old Business


Show Discussion:

Meeting will be held at Sherry and Robert Rez's home in January. Date to be announced at the January general meeting.

Ian Lee thanked the club for making his and Therasa's stay in San Diego so enjoyable. They will be traveling to their next duty station in Corpus Christi next week.

New Business

New Board for 2014 approved unanimously.
More details regarding the Southern Cal National requested.

Meeting adjourned at 8:01 PM. 

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *,continued from page 1*

We have very special dogs who have accomplished awards and titles, too many names to mention here. We are proud and honored to have them as members of our club. We praise their owners for the time and effort they put into training and grooming, endless times spent in accomplishing these honorable awards. 2013 was a stellar year and we look forward to many more in 2014.

I am looking forward to offering members of those terrific at home Irish Setters a way of participating with their dogs in our club. I have some ideas and am open to suggestions. We would like to offer opportunities for all members. One way you can do this is by attending the general meeting at Allied Gardens every second Wednesday of the month at 7pm. I would also like to see you at the specialty and St Patricks Day Parade. Remember only members can march in the parade so I am reminding all members to renew your membership.

One more thing! Read the newsletter! It gives you old and new information regarding what we are up to. We can only continue to grow by your participation.

Lets go!

Lynne

THE SCANDAL OF MARKETING PUREBREAD DOGS

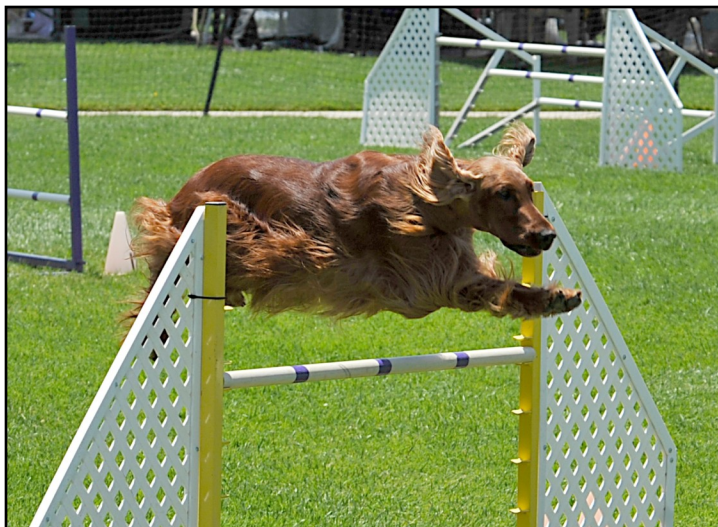
The article in the link below appeared as a post on my facebook page and I think there are a lot of good ideas in it. The direction that our interests in purebred dogs is taking is one that is pretty scary now.

<http://rufflyspeaking.net/the-scandal-of-marketing-purebred-dogs/>

Aileen Frazier

Irish Reflections

BRAGS



Annie finished her Master Excellent Agility title on 10/16/13 at the Samoyed Club of Los Angeles trial. She is now Jadestar Reach For The Sky JH MX MXJ OF and I'm very proud of her!

Val Mahoney



Skye completed the requirements for her MACH6 on Dec 1st. There are only four other Irish Setters who have accomplished this honor. In addition, she made the weekend a triple QQ weekend for us!!

Cathy Dever



"Colby" registered name, Jadestar Seven Card Stud, taking Winners Dog for a 3 point major at the Kennel Club of Palm Springs show on Sat Jan 4th. He took Winners Dog again at the Sunday show for a 4 point major.

Linda Kenan

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Dog Runs

at Coronado Dog Beach on the second Saturday morning and
Fiesta Isle Dog Park the fourth Saturday of each month starting
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if you are attending.



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DUES WERE DUE ON JANUARY 1, 2014

Don't forget to renew your ISCSD Dues for 2014! Deadline was January 1, 2014

Membership dues shall be \$20 for an individual membership;

\$25 for a family membership and \$10 for a junior membership.

Dues are payable on or before the first day of January of each year.

Your membership will be considered lapsed after 12/31/2013

Don't miss a single newsletter. Mail your check today payable to ISCSD to:

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SHOW COMMITTEE MEETING JANUARY 27, 2014

A Show Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 27th
starting at 7pm,

at the home of Sherry and Robert Rez, 2355 Paseo Dorado, La Jolla, CA 92037, 858.454.5728

Everyone is welcome to attend and participate.

Check out the **Monthly Calendar** on the Website at
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8:30am

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*"An old dog, even more than an old spouse,
always feels like doing what you feel like
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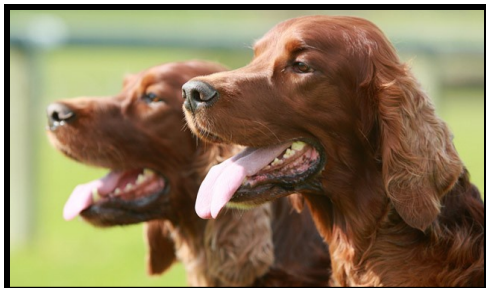
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*"Scratch a dog and you'll find a
permanent friend"*

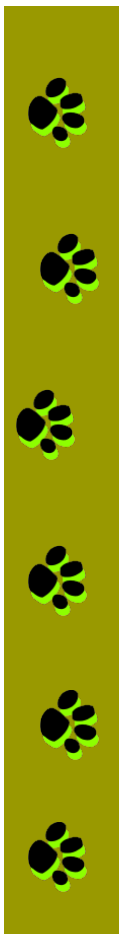
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