



Rockyspot Rescue
Beagles and Dalmatians

SPOTS & AROOS

SPRING / SUMMER

2015



Lawsuit Update



COMING TO AN END... finally...

RockySpot Rescues vs City of Newcastle/Newcastle Planning Committee

September 9, 2015, may be one of the most important profound dates in the rescue's history. After 9 years of failed negotiations with the City of Newcastle on new zoning policies, McClain County District Court will finally begin the court proceedings to hear the Motion for Default suit RockySpot was forced to file in 2009. This suit is against the City of Newcastle and the City of Newcastle Zoning Committee in an attempt to be allowed to remain fully functional at our current location in the same capacity as we have for the past 16 years.

In 1999, upon obtaining approval from the City of Newcastle to operate a kennel, we eagerly proceeded with the purchase of the approved country property and began work on obtaining our nonprofit status. During the next seven years, from 1999 thru 2006, the City issued a yearly kennel license at our current location as we continued to raise funds for improvements. Investing heavily in fencing, additional land, and a state-of-the-art kennel facility, we slowly became one of the premier kennels in Oklahoma. Then in 2007, the City of Newcastle determined we were "out of compliance" with the City's new zoning policies implemented in 2004. Grandfathering was denied, and they proceeded to enforce the new policies. Our kennel license renewal was denied and would not be renewed until we complied. In a nutshell, we could no longer have dogs on the property they approved purchase for a kennel in 1999 and had issued kennel licenses to for 7 years afterward. After all this time and investment, if we are not able to operate at this location as we have in the past, RockySpot Rescues may cease to exist and many dogs will die.

To make matters worse, we have lost our original attorney who helped us get this far, due to the length of time this case has drug out.

WE NEED A NEW ATTORNEY BEFORE 9-9-2015, TO FIGHT WITH US AGAIN!!!

We go to pretrial on 9-9-15 and need some serious assistance. Please cross-post far and wide and keep RockySpot in your thoughts.

The BIG INSPECTION!

Oklahoma Department of Agriculture Inspection Review



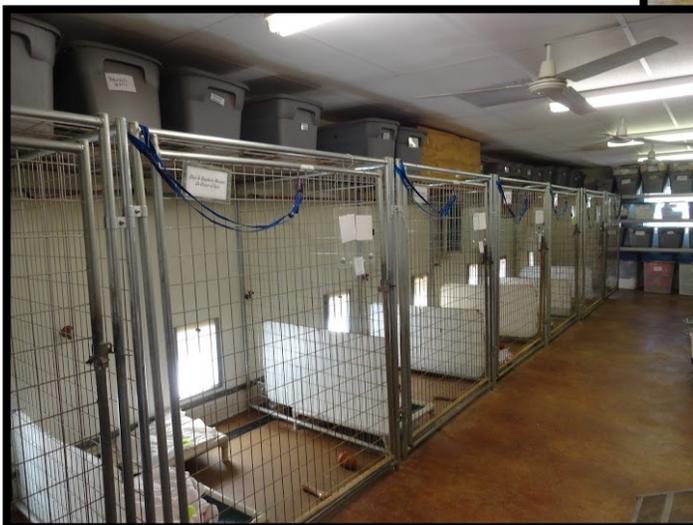
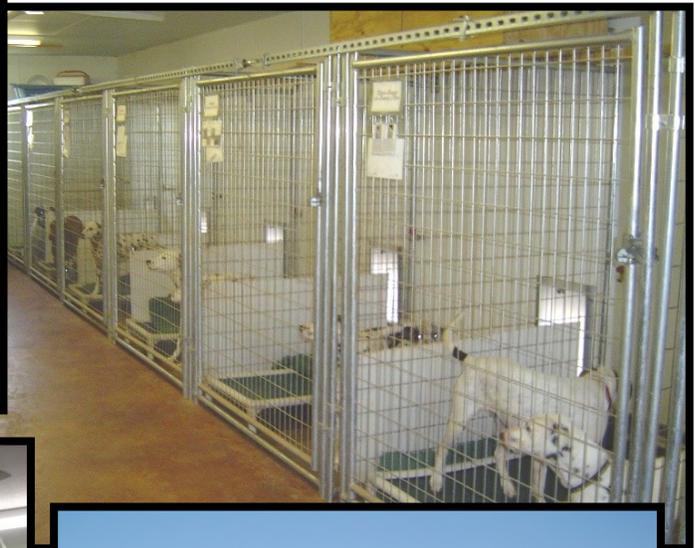
On July 1, 2012, the Oklahoma Legislature voted in the Commercial Pet Breeders and Animal Shelter Licensing Act to be administered by the State Board of Agriculture. This Act mandates all pet breeders with over 11 intact females and any nongovernment animal shelter/kennel to be inspected annually, apply for license to operate and be monitored and reviewed by the OK Department of Ag.

Unfortunately, when ordered into "Status Quo" by McClain County District Court, RockySpot was unable to apply for the license until the issues with the City of Newcastle's new zoning policies were resolved.

Recently the Department of Ag agreed to inspect RockySpot for licensing dependent on the outcome of the court case in September. In May of this year we had our big inspection... and TADA... we passed with flying colors!

Of 182 licensed pet breeders and 55 licensed animal shelter/kennels in the State of Oklahoma, they informed us we were only the THIRD in the past 3 years, EVER to be given the highest marks on their first inspection!

Way TO GO ROCKYSPOT!





RSR/OKBR DOGGIE SUMMER CAMP – AT YOUR HOUSE!

It is that time of year again when we are desperate to be rescued ourselves! We need a break from the 36+ dogs, and our full time jobs to get some much needed R&R so we have the energy for another awesome year of SAVING DOGS!!

Once again looking longingly to the serene mountains of Colorado as a place to reboot during the week of 7/9 - 7/22. And our dogs are looking to go on an adventure of their own - to your house! In order to make a break possible, dog care must be downsized first - so we are reaching out to our adopted families (and their friends) for assistance by asking those who can to consider fostering a RSR dog for a couple short weeks so we can go and rejuvenate our tired bones and hearts.



If you can consider helping out, RSR will supply all food and meds and bedding/ crates... all you supply is the care and love for 2 week! You can pick up your "camper" any time before 7/10 and return anytime starting 7/25. So not only will the humans get a vacation... but some of the homeless kennel dogs will too and the experience will make them more adoptable! Because of YOU they could find their new home shortly afterwards! And YOU will get a week of unconditional love! It is WIN-WIN all the way around.

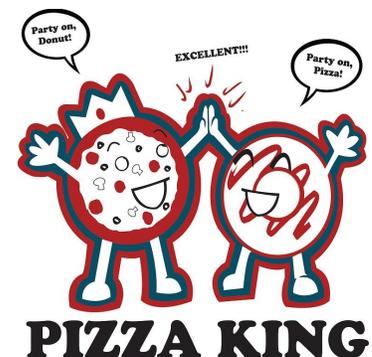


Email dals@rockyspot.com or call 405-640-5298 today!

PIZZA KING! Thank you for the many pizzas donated to feed our small crew of AWESOME volunteers who did triple duty getting everything ready for the DEPT OF AG INSPECTION!



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THANK YOU

We are **NOTHING** without **YOU!**

RockySpot Rescue is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization. We depend on direct donations and fundraisers to feed, shelter, and receive vet care and medications for the many dogs in our program. We maintain the highest standards in care for our animals, believing that keeping them happy and healthy while with us will in turn result in well-adjusted animals for their new adoptive families. To do this, we **MUST** have your support, either in physical time or monetary donations.

With donations down extremely low and volunteer help down even further, every little bit of monetary or physical support is more than precious to us and the puppies! Nothing is more valuable right now and we feel the need to thank those who are still supporting us and going the extra mile to help us with this so important mission of saving the homeless.

So here is to you! Our precious friends... a very heartfelt **THANK YOU** for 2014!

...to those who sponsored a dog this past year, and to those who continue to do so!
 ...to those dependable monthly donations that you may feel are small but in reality are **VERY BIG** to us!
 ...to those who donate for special medical needs so we can treat, and not delete, these babies!
 ...to those who remember the homeless pups every Christmas with gifts, **WOOF WOOF!**
 ...to those who go the extra mile with either their physical support or monetary support
 ...and to all the **MANY** others whose major efforts help **US** help **THEM** (we know who you are!)

THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!! WOOF WOOF WOOF AROOOO!!
 We truly **ARE** nothing without you!

All donations are fully tax deductible.

THE BEAUTIFUL RAINBOW BRIDGE

Our furry friends below wait at The Bridge. The sun is warm and they are content, knowing that we remember, and that someday, we will come.

Sadie York	Leah Orr	Stud Herendeen
Bailey (JD) McCan	Simone Rose Cackler	Gandalf Willis-Crawford-Monnard
Dottie Jones	Macy Geary	Two Bit Cappony
Sparky Rouse	Abby Sandburg	Murphy (Curly) Stewart-Knight
Zoe Magnus	Connor Hasse	Slate Morgan
Duke Anderson		

“Just because they die, she said, does not mean they go away.” – Brian Andreas

WELCOME!

New RSR/OKBR Adopted Families!

DECEMBER

Ashley – The Russell Family, McKinney, TX

Rylie - The Long Family, Norman, OK

JANUARY

Lena - The Bretanus Family, Owasso, OK

Drew - The Engel Family, Choctaw, OK

FEBRUARY

Rick O Shae - The Giacchetta Family, Universal City, TX

Edy - The Giacchetta Family, Universal City, TX

Elphaba - The Merry Family, Yukon, OK

Galinda - The Merry Family, Yukon, OK

MARCH

Sandy - The Harris Family, OKC, OK

Eden - The Horn Family, Choctaw, OK

Morty - The Madden Family, Stillwater, OK

APRIL

Nova - The Liberda Family Dallas, TX

Patch - The Liberda Family Dallas, TX

Sasha - The Kennedy Family, Edmond, OK

MAY

Warrior - The Salisbury Family, Ponca City, OK

Dexter - The Herendeen Family, Mustang, OK



TAG TIME

Did you know 95% of lost dogs wearing ID Tags are returned to their owners? Did you know 95% of lost dogs NOT wearing ID Tags are NOT returned? TAG YOUR DOG TODAY!

Although microchips are invaluable, without the microchip tag and Id tag on their collar, they do not give instant knowledge of where the dog belongs and it could take longer to get your dog back as they have to be taken somewhere to be scanned. If you have lost your microchip tag, please contact AVID at 1-800-336-AVID to get a replacement. If you have lost your RSR or OKBR ID Tag that was sent home with your dog, we will send you another! Just let us know ASAP!



LOOK WHO CAME TO VISIT!

It's **POWDER**! He is one big boy now! ALL grown up and getting along just fine, all filled out and a beautiful big Dane!! LOVE THAT POW POW!

Our Fabulous Supporters!

LIFE SAVING

\$1000 +

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LIFE LOVING

Monthly Care

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COMBINED FEDERAL CONTRIBUTION (CFC)

Federal Employees Charitable Contributions

CFC is the uniform fundraising method for the federal service employees using payroll deduction as a form of charitable contribution through a combined, once-a-year campaign. The Oklahoma CFC is coming up in October!



For all federal employees please keep RockySpot Rescues close to your heart when designating your choice of charities. WE NEED YOU DESPERATELY as our donations have dropped MORE THAN 80% over the past couple of years and the number of dogs needing us have not!!

Our CFC number is ROCKYSPOT #76783

Adopted!

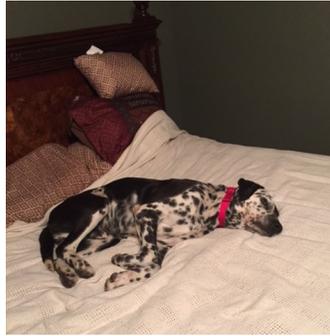
WARRIOR "No More Tears!"

Warrior has been adopted!

From his new dad Tom:

"Things are going well. He is a wonderful dog and a great friend."

"When I go out to the shop he follows and finds a spot to sleep while I work. He seems to think he's helping. Lol!"



SANDY "The Survivor"

From near starvation, discovered over 10 days alone with her deceased owner, scared and confused, to total abandonment happiness in a new home! Here is a whole new SANDY!



Rick & Edy



Rick

EDY & RICK-O-SHAE "Together Forever"

Edy and Rick have been adopted TOGETHER and live in San Antonio now!

BROOKE "Sweet Charmer"

Brooke says she has her foster home wrapped around her little pinky toe, and they say they have her wrapped around their heart.



FIRSTGIVING UPDATES

MORTY

Thanks to all for your wonderful support!! Morty was able to undergo ACL surgery, and is recovering wonderfully! Soon he will be zipping along like never before and enjoying his life as a dog again!! All because of YOU and your caring help! **THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO PULLED SO HARD FOR THIS LITTLE GUY AND FOR DONATING FOR HIS CARE SO THIS COULD HAPPEN!!** As soon as he has recovered, he will be able to be adopted!



OUTLIVING OWNERS

One never prepares for their pet to outlive them. But it happens. PLEASE make your plan today! Don't wait! Click here for more information. [Providing for Your Pet's Future without You](#)

OKBR beagles **Bentley** and **Brandon** were returned last year per our contract after losing their father. This year poor little Sandy was found living alone for 10 days with her deceased owner, scared and confused and nearly starving to death before being discovered and taken to the shelter. Additionally we have had 2 more beagles lose their owner unexpectedly this year—for which we were fortunately contacted and had space to save them. **Buster Too** lost his mom to a fast-acting terminal illness recently and, fortunately, a neighbor contacted us for help. And **Scrappy II**, a sweet 10 year old beagle girl, was relinquished to the shelter after her mom's death, despite being mentioned in her mom's obituary as being the most precious thing to her. Again RSR was contacted after she was dumped at the shelter. These owners never planned to leave their precious fur babies in danger, as they never expected this to happen. It could happen to you. Please make legal preparations for your fur babies today as you just never know! Your babies' lives could depend on it. Don't let them down in the end!



Bentley



Brandon



Sandy



Buster Too



Scrappy II

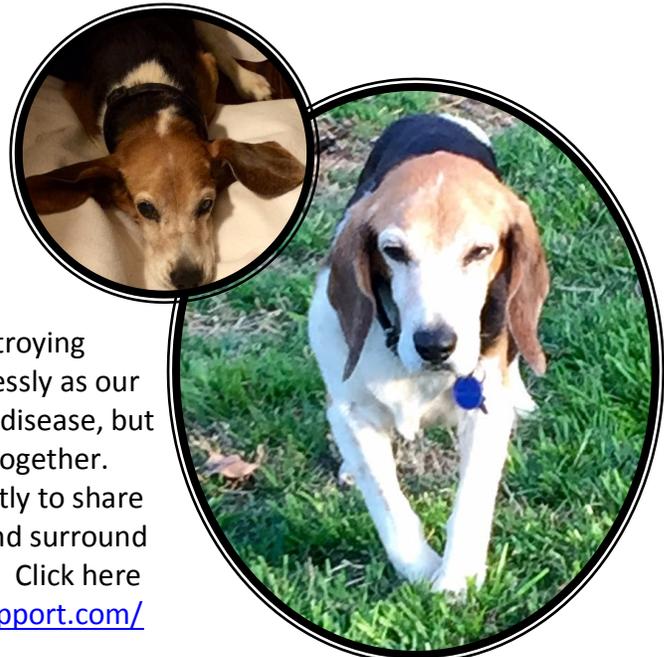
RERUNS!

Copper, after going thru the prison training program 6 years ago, was adopted into a home where he was top dog. After having children and getting another dog, the home returned this smart (and now extremely unhappy) Aussie Mix to rescue. Calm and well-mannered, Copper is extremely obedient and listens attentively to commands. He needs a soul-mate human who will give him tons of affection and fun things to do together to keep him happy. Copper is the best dog here and is very sad to not have a home of his own.



Elphaba and **Galinda**, two sibling female pups, are not on their first adoption return, but their second adoption failure, which is no fault of their own. The first adoption didn't realize her new job would be so demanding and that she would not have the time needed to give to the girls as they were left alone way too long and often. The second adoption failed because although one adoption partner had experience and was ready and willing, the other was a first time dog owner who discovered owning dogs was like having children and was just not 100% committed to having kids yet, the work and time involved in always planning for them when they were away, and the way it would change their lives. So our wonderful little girls turn a year old this month and are 2 time failures no matter how hard they tried. At least they are still together and have each other.

Ross, (of Judy and Ross) is unfortunately back at the rescue and in desperate need of another forever foster home for his remaining years. A true SURVIVOR senior beagle braving heart damage from heartworms as well as advancing age symptoms with strong determination and happy loud beagle aroos, Ross was loved so much by his forever foster home that the constant worry and concern for his well-being was destroying them. It is extremely hard for any of us to watch helplessly as our pet ages and realize we can't control it. Old age isn't a disease, but a natural stage of life for pets and owners to navigate together. Our role is not to 'make them well', but most importantly to share it with them, make them as comfortable as possible, and surround them with love as we ENJOY this golden time together! Click here for support for aging pets: <http://www.daybydaypetsupport.com/>



★ **FEATURED DOGS** ★



Max – HI! I am Max, an older, sweet, tiny gentleman who is just the cats meow! I can only see out of one eye but you would never know it! I love to track, and with my nose who needs two good eyes? Do you need me? If so I am here for you! Look at my happy face! I will make you happy just having me around!

Jeffie – I am a great boy...calm and loving and friendly to everyone and everything! Must be the cow dog in me! I am small like a Corgi, though! Boy my mom and dad must have been in love as they were SOOO different! Which makes me different too! Everyone loves me! AND I LOVE THEM TOO! I am YOUNG—probably a year old!



Sugar – Middle-aged, sweet, calm, and loving. I had a home who took me and my sister to the shelter for some reason. I was adopted and brought back from the shelter again - nothing I did I assure you! I am the best I promise! Housebroken and easy-going and very pretty and sweet and MORE!

Pirate – I am a Beagle-Dalmatian named Pirate! I am housebroken, gentle and quiet, and very cuddly. I get along with the cats here, and all the dogs, too. Tons of people of all sizes come in and out and I love them all!



SHOP ONLINE TO HELP RSR DOGS!

Can't donate or volunteer? Never fear as there are **OTHER WAYS TO HELP!**



Welcome to one of the easiest way to donate to the rescue without costing you ANYTHING! www.igive.com! Registration is FREE and when you select RockySpot Rescue as your designated charity, the dogs get fed! WOOF! Igive.com is an online shopping mall that includes well-known merchants like PetsMart, Amazon, and Target along with countless more! By going one time to www.igive.com and downloading Igive to your computer and designating RSR as your charity of choice, then every time you are online at a site that participates with Igive, a small window will appear letting you know how much of your purchase will be donated to RockySpot dogs! There is absolutely NO additional cost to you! Do your back-to-school shopping, Christmas shopping, birthday shopping and summer vacation shopping through Igive.com and GIVE to homeless pups! It is easy as that! The dogs thank you arroooooOO!!!



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HEARTFELT GOODBYES

Plastic Ponies on Parade

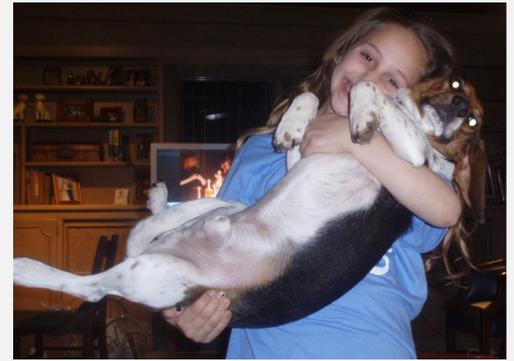
A very sad goodbye to Plastic Ponies on Parade, a model horse exhibition charitable fundraising event produced each year by Shelley and Kevin Hogle of Holly, Michigan. RockySpot has been one of their designated charities of choice for the past 3 years. A TREMENDOUS thank you to them and to Gina Hyatt and Karen Zorn, RSR dedicated adopted homes and long distance volunteers, for making this possible. Because of you and your generosity, hundreds of thrown away pets were saved and are in happy homes today! **THANK YOU** and happy trails on to your next big adventure! **WE WILL MISS YOU!**

ETHEL... has left the building.

Ethel has retired... (sniff whine whine sniff) and left Oklahoma!! Sad for us—but happy for Ethel—she has moved back to her home state of Ohio and we ALL miss her happy, caring spirit around here! The dogs, especially, LOVE Ethel and keep waiting eagerly to see her again! It is not only hard on all of us but extremely hard on the whole rescue to lose someone who made such a wonderful difference in our lives, the dogs lives, and our mission as well! But she is not gone! She is still with us in spirit (and on email as we are not letting her go that easily!) doing all she can from afar! **WE LOVE YOU ETHEL!** CONGRATS on your retirement! AROOOOOOO!!! Woof Woof!

Where Are They Now??

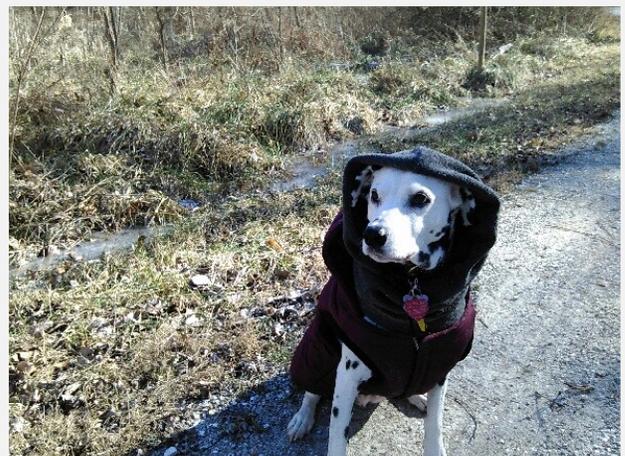
Ruger Update....he's the happiest and best boy I know ! After eating everything in the house (phones, remotes, Xmas decorations off the tree, shoes, library book (named "Hounded"!)) etc....., he seems to have calmed that down ! (mostly) We go to the dog park every day, so he has lots of friends to play with! Loves to run, and could win any race! He sleeps with me every night and loves to snuggle in the morning! He's just so cute!!!! ~Mary



Tbone: Just a few pictures of Teebs.
He leads such a hard life. Haha. ~Meg

Hi Aunti T:

How are you? Mom and I have been freezing! Last weekend was the first time I have panted in months! I have two coats now; a horse blanket looking one for weather 40 and below: and a stuffed, puffy, hooded coat that makes me look like a Ninja Turtle, for 30 and below. It even matches Mom's Winter coat - what was she thinking !?!?! ~Princess Leia



...And more to come in a special WRTN newsletter!

MACY ON TOUR as Sandy in ANNIE THE MUSICAL!

REMEMBER OUR MACY???

Real name: MACY

Age: 7

Home (birthplace): Oklahoma City, OK

Breed: All American Sandy Dog Mix

Offstage hobbies: Sunbathing inside or outside

Pre-show ritual: Holding hands with my co-stars to get focused

Stage debut: Connecticut Community Theater Production of ANNIE starring Dorothy and Jenna Berloni

Funny memory: When Bill Berloni found me I was being held at RockySpot Dalmatian Rescue of Oklahoma. Up until then I thought I was a Dalmatian!



Macy was adopted from Rocky Spot Rescue of Oklahoma City, OK, in December of 2009 by guardian and trainer William Berloni at the age of 18 months. He had seen her on Petfinder.com and traveled all the way to Oklahoma to adopt her. She had been a stray early in 2009 when she was picked up by the local animal control. Miraculously, Macy avoided euthanasia for months but was overlooked for adoption. Fortunately, she was picked to enter the Prison Dog Training program at the Davis Correctional Center in Holdenville, OK, by the New Leash On Life Pen Pal program. She spent 10 weeks living with the inmates and received all her basic training. Unfortunately, although she was a model student, she was the only program participant who was not adopted. RockySpot Rescue, a no kill shelter, took her, which is where Bill Berloni found her. Her journey is truly inspiring. Her first production of *Annie* was in the summer of 2010, and she has since starred in over two dozen productions nationwide. On Thanksgiving Day 2011, she was seen on NBC during The National Dog Show, sharing spots with John O'Hurley. Macy is currently on tour with her co-partner Sunny as Sandy in the 2015 National Tour of ANNIE!

[ANNIE The Musical](http://anniethemusical.com/)

Welcome to the national tour of Annie, launched Sep 26, 2014 in Detroit and touring the USA for 2015 !

- See more at: <http://anniethemusical.com/>



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