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Wellington Shire Council is joining forces with the East Gippsland Dog Obedience Club Inc (EGDOC) to remind owners that when they or their pooches say hello to a dog wearing yellow, to be considerate.

Yellow ribbons on dog leads are used to signify that the dog needs to be given a little space.

Dogs in need of space (DINOS) may be shy, nervous or anxious.

They may be old and tired, might be recent adoptees, in training or even in heat.

Whatever the reason, dog owners can make it clear to other people by using a simple yellow ribbon that their four legged friend prefers the quieter life.

EGDOC President, Vickie Green, says that any person responsible for these animals can cheaply identify them as DINOS. “It’s easy, use a yellow lead or display a yellow ribbon on the dog or its lead.” “Yellow can make it clear to others to take a little extra care when walking past one of these identified dogs.”

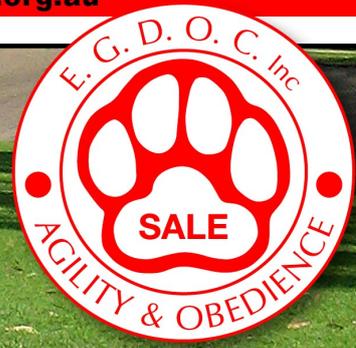
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Vickie continues, "Some dogs may only need to display yellow for a short time; others may need it forever. EGDOC Inc are available to provide advice to help dog owners and their companions manage issues."

It is important to remember that wearing yellow isn't suitable for aggressive, dangerous, menacing or restricted breed dogs.

Wellington Shire Council, Mayor Darren McCubbin, explains that whilst the yellow ribbon program is not compulsory for owners of dogs in need of space, Council strongly encourages it. "Council actively promotes responsible pet ownership; EGDOC's yellow ribbon campaign is a wonderful demonstration of that for dog owners across Wellington. "When you are out walking, either with or without your dog and come across a canine friend with a yellow ribbon on its lead, you will know that the dog just needs a little space."

For more information, please contact the friendly team at EGDOC.



# GIVE ME SPACE

## DON'T SAY HELLO TO A DOG WEARING YELLOW

A yellow ribbon on the leash or on the dog could mean...

- I'm shy
- I've just been adopted
- I get too excited
- I'm deaf
- I'm recovering from surgery
- I get grumpy
- I'm in training
- I'm old and tired

**PLEASE GIVE US TIME TO MOVE OUT OF YOUR WAY**

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*This campaign is not suitable for dogs with a bite history!*

# CANINE OF THE MONTH

## THE SAINT BERNARD

As we are still living through the winter months here in Australia it is only fitting that this month we should present a dog that tends to represent everything about the cold, snow and winter in general - the world famous Saint Bernard.



The Saint Bernard Gained their name from the dangerous St. Bernard pass in the Alps between Italy and Switzerland, the breed was famous for rescuing people lost in the snow and in avalanches. This was not an easy or safe job for the St. Bernard, as many perished themselves in the avalanches.

They were originally used by monks who resided in the area for guarding and companionship. Eventually - the monks discovered that the Saint Bernard's had all the makings of an ideal rescue dog. They were found to be great at clearing paths, could predict incoming avalanches, and, thanks to their excellent sense of smell, could detect a body buried under 20 feet of snow and once they located someone trapped under a snow heap, they could use their huge paws to dig them out. In the three centuries that the monks used the helpful dogs, it's estimated that they saved upwards of 2000 people.

Everyone has heard of the Saint Bernard dog running about the Alps, finding injured skiers, and plying them with brandy from their little barrel around their necks - well the St. Bernard didn't actually ever have a small barrel of brandy about its neck. Although in cartoons and works of art, Saint Bernard's are often depicted wearing barrels of booze around their necks, supposedly with the intention of helping cold travellers warm up - the rescue dogs never actually wore these miniature barrels, but they did carry around packs filled with food and water.

The misconception that the dogs ever sported the barrels comes from a 17-year-old painter in 1820s England. Edwin Landseer painted a work called "*Alpine Mastiffs Reanimating a Distressed Traveler*" - which depicted two Saint Bernards coming to the rescue of an injured man. One is barking in alarm, while the other - sporting the barrel in question - attempts to revive the hiker. Landseer later explained that the barrel was filled with brandy, and thus a myth was born. Of course, we know today that while alcohol makes us feel warmer, it actually restricts blood flow and lowers body temperature. Carrying around tiny kegs would not have been the best strategy for reviving avalanche victims.



# CANINE OF THE MONTH

## THE SAINT BERNARD

### Appearance

The St Bernard is a big dog, standing between 65-90cm (2'-3'). They weigh 70-90kg (154-209lb). Known as a 'massive' breed, they are muscular with a powerful appearance and large, imposing heads. Originally bred with a smooth coat, a rough-coated variety is now available. This rough variety has longer hair around the neck, thigh and tail while the smooth variety is sleek. Coat colours range from orange to mahogany, brindle and red-brindle. All St. Bernards should have a black face with white facial blaze, collar, chest and forelegs. There are three types of markings – white splash, mantle and torn patches; each describing the amount of white and brown covering the dog.

### Temperament

St. Bernards require obedience training from an early age. They're a very strong dog and can weigh up to 80 kg by 18 months. Therefore it is important to ensure that the dog understands who is boss. Breeders say the dogs can be frightening to some because of their size and as such need to be under effective control at all times. St. Bernards make excellent watchdogs.

### Health and lifespan

Massive dogs such as these are prone to arthritic conditions, particularly as a result of hip and elbow dysplasia. Breeders say there have been recent dramatic improvement in the breeding standards, however it is always incumbent upon any prospective owner to ensure they are buying a pup from breeders with certificates clearing their dogs of these conditions. Arthritis is hard to avoid in large breeds, however hip and elbow dysplasia can be avoided if breeding stock is properly screened. As with most of the giant breeds, St. Bernards are also intolerant of heat. Their large body mass and heavy coat makes the breed particularly prone to heat stress. Large breeds such as this are also relatively short lived – about six-10 years maximum.

### Maintenance and feeding

Smooth coats need about 10 minutes weekly. Rough coats require a daily brush, especially to ensure no hair is matted behind the ears, the back legs or tail. Owning a St. Bernard means you need a fair tolerance to slobber too and they can be a messy dog when eating. This breed in particular is relatively expensive to feed. About \$20-\$30 per week.

### Space

These dogs require big backyards, high fences and, if you're going to travel with your dog, you might want to rethink that little sports car.

### Recommended for

Big breed lovers. Active people and families with older children. Although the St Bernard was originally bred to cope with the extreme winters of the Swiss Alps they will adjust to our Australian conditions. It is important to always supply plenty of water and shade and never run them in the heat of the day.

If you don't like a little bit of slobber or a bit of hair, then Saints probably aren't for you. But if you love loyal companionship and have plenty of space, the St. Bernard could be your breed. Saints can be a intimidating breed especially for smaller children and remember obedience training is essential.

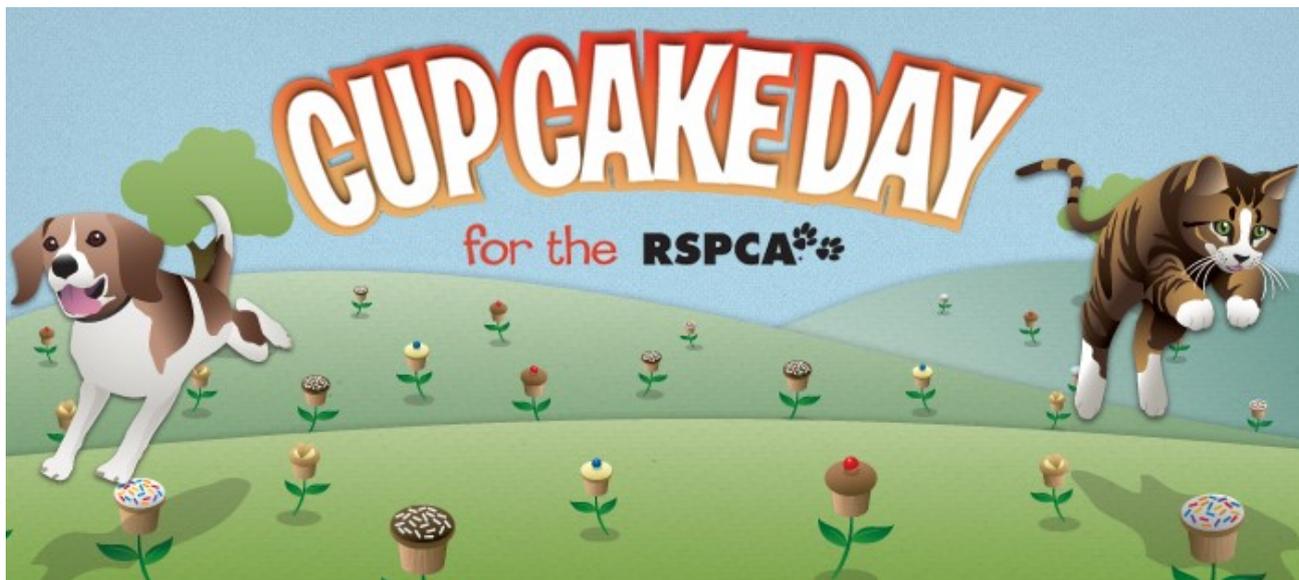


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# THE "ANIMAL" POPPY

Most people are unaware that as well as the traditional red poppy worn to mark the Armistice Day of 11 November 1918, that there is also the purple poppy, remembering animals that died during conflict.

To commemorate all the animal deeds and sacrifices in war, the **Australian War Animal Memorial Organisation (AWAMO)** has issued a purple poppy, which can be worn alongside the traditional red one. Just like other countries including the United Kingdom people are encouraged to wear the purple poppy alongside the traditional red poppy as a reminder that both humans and animals have and continue to serve.

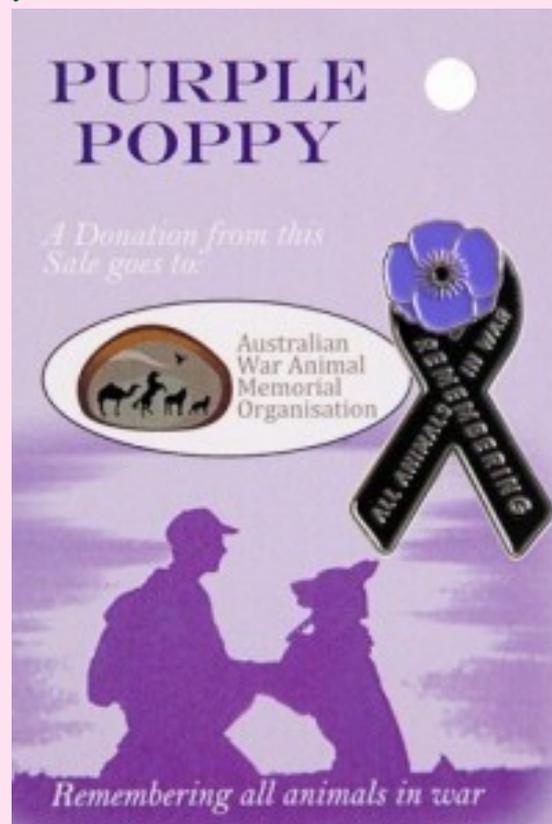
AWAMO is a volunteer organisation made up of community members from diverse backgrounds that have the like-minded aim to recognise the deeds of animals during Australian military service and to educate the next generation of Australians to understand the sacrifices of our four legged diggers have made.

Funds raised from donation and the sale of purple poppies are used by AWAMO to establishing memorials around Australia and overseas in places like France and Gallipoli to recognise the sacrifice animals have made in the aid or comfort of defence personnel.

We all remember the story of Simpson and his donkey and as far back as the Boer war horses that carried our soldiers across the veldt in the Boer War. Animals continue to serve in places like Afghanistan, where explosive detection dogs and their handlers work the frontline and animals have helped soldiers cope with post-traumatic stress.

Your support will help Australia's war animals receive the recognition they deserve "Lest we forget our four legged diggers served too".

Purple Poppy merchandise is available to purchase from EGDOC on Sunday club Mornings – just see one of your friendly club instructors.





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# DOG STORIES

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Barry was a famous St. Bernard, possibly the most legendary representative of the breed. Barry lived at the Great St Bernard Hospice in the Pennine Alps. The hospice is located at an altitude of 2469 m above sea level.

This remarkable dog's full name was Barry der Menschenretter and his tales of courage go back two hundred years. He lived during the years 1800-1814. He was a mountain rescue dog and in this capacity is credited with having saved more than forty lives of wayfarers who either lost their way or got caught in storms and blizzards and would have undoubtedly perished on steep mountain edges had it not been for Barry.

The St. Bernard breed is reputed to have a very highly developed sense of smell and can presage the arrival of snowstorms. Barry, undoubtedly, put these abilities to great use. His most famous rescue is that of a young boy whom Barry found unconscious and huddled in a small cave. Barry licked the boy's body to warm him and then coaxed the little one on his back. He then headed back to the hospice where the child recuperated and finally was reunited with his parents. Barry's feat is rendered that much more incredible because back in those days the dogs we know as St. Bernards today were slimmer and weighed less. Barry would not have tipped the scales at above 85 pounds.

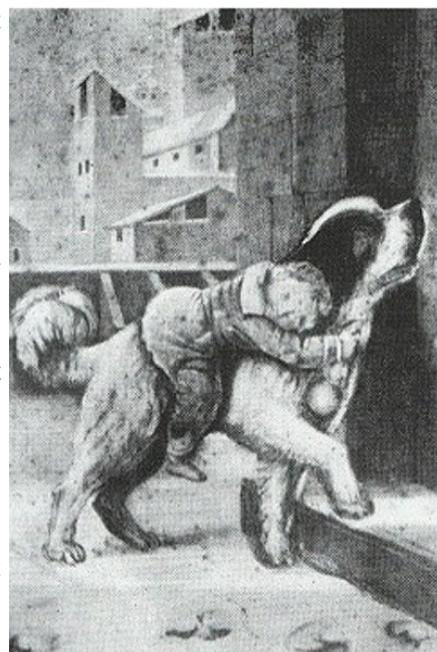
Barry made regular rounds to the craggy cliffs and dangerous mountain paths seeking out lost travellers. He would guide them to the monastery or would rush back and inform the monks whom he would lead to the stranded person. Whether or not Barry had a barrel of rum around his neck is a matter of conjecture.

Barry bid the world adieu in 1814, he lived his final years in comfort in the city of Bern; his body was treated by a taxidermist and today is on permanent display at the Natural History Museum in the city.

It is a testament to Barry's popularity that over the years Barry's likeness has appeared on works of art that include embroideries, paintings, wood carvings, statuettes, metal work, and a lot more. He was held up as a shining example of courage and appeared on product endorsements for liver tonics, cigars, and even clocks.

It is worth noting that during Barry's time, the breed was not known as St. Bernard. In fact, after Barry, this breed of proto-St. Bernards was dubbed Barry Dogs or Barry Hounds. The name St. Bernard is of 1865 vintage.

So strong is the legacy of Barry in that particular region that even today the hospice keeps one dog, a St. Bernard that is named Barry.





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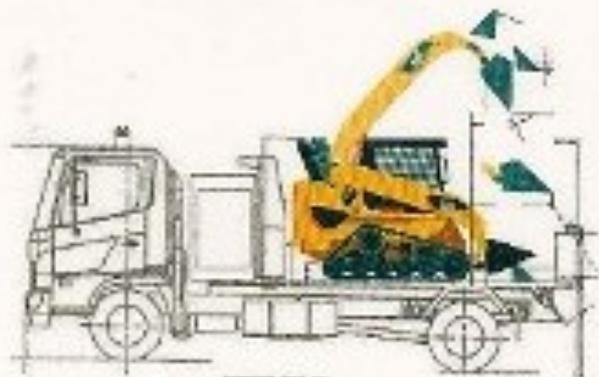
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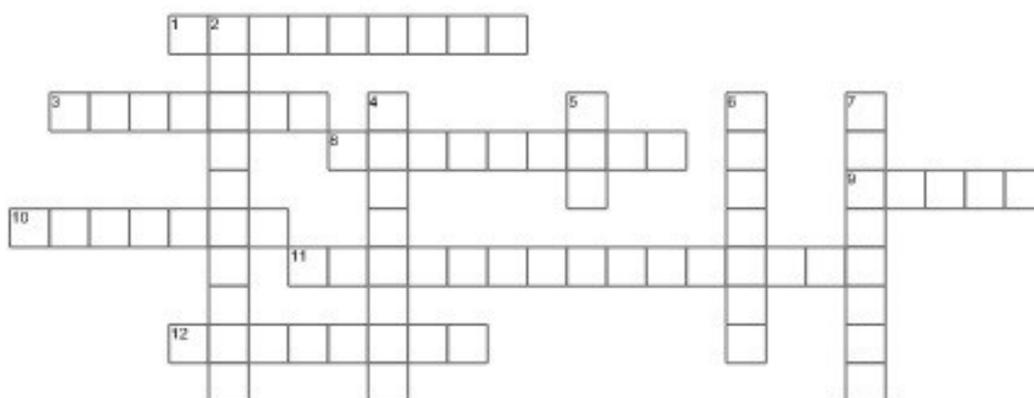
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# EGDOC PUPPY CORNER

## Dogs Crossword



### ACROSS

1. A breed of dog known for its large size and gentle personality. The breed is commonly referred to as the "Gentle Giant".
3. The meaning of this breed name was originally "lion dog" because this variety of dog was bred in China to resemble a miniature lion.
8. A short-legged, elongated dog breed of the hound family.
9. A breed of stocky, medium-sized, short-haired dog with a fawn or brindled coat and square-jawed muzzle. They were bred in Germany in the mid-1800s.
10. These dogs were bred to hunt by sight, coursing game in open areas at high speeds. Looks similar to the greyhound.
11. A medium large breed with a golden coat. This breed is very active and fun-loving but also exceptionally patient.
12. A medium-sized dog with a plush two-layer coat with a 'ruff' and a curled tail, originating from the Netherlands.

### DOWN

2. A medium large, robust and powerful dog breed, black with clearly defined tan markings on the cheeks, muzzle, chest and legs as well as the eyebrows.
4. This breed is believed to be one of the oldest toy breeds of dogs originated in continental Europe and was a favorite at the French court.
5. The appearance of this breed is characterized by a flat, wrinkled face, compact body, and curled tail.
6. This breed is a small breed of dog with white fur that does not shed. The breed has a reputation for having a good-natured temperament but is also fearless and may be intolerant of children and other pets.
7. It is commonly used as a guard dog, watch dog and police dog. They were first bred in Germany around 1890 by a tax collector that needed a protection dog to guard him.

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# HOW NOT TO GREET A DOG

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**DON'T**  
Lean over the dog & stick your hand in his face



**DON'T**  
Lean over the dog & stick your hand on top of his head



**DON'T**  
Grab or Hug him



**DON'T**  
Stare him in the eye  
(This is an adversarial gesture)



**DON'T**  
Squeal or shout in his face



**DON'T**  
Grab his head and kiss it  
(This is an invasion of space)

Doing this to a dog who doesn't know you is like a perfect stranger giving you a great big hug and kiss in an elevator. Wouldn't that creep you out? And wouldn't you have the right to defend yourself?

## THE CORRECT WAY:



- \* No Eye contact
- \* Let the dog approach you in his own time
- \* Keep either your SIDE or BACK towards the dog (non-threatening posture)



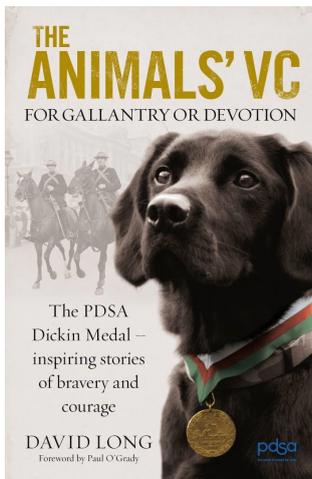
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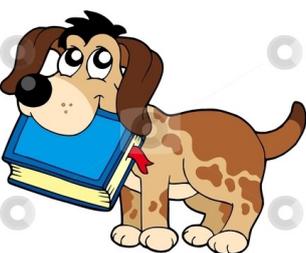
## THE ANIMALS' VC - FOR GALLANTRY OR DEVOION by David Long

The People's Dispensary for Sick Animals (PDSA) Dickin Medal was instituted in 1943 in the United Kingdom by Maria Dickin to honour the work of animals in World War II. It is a bronze medallion, bearing the words "For Gallantry" and "We Also Serve" within a laurel wreath, carried on a ribbon of striped green, dark brown, and pale blue. It is awarded to animals that have displayed "conspicuous gallantry or devotion to duty while serving or associated with any branch of the Armed Forces or Civil Defence Units". The award is commonly referred to as "the animals' Victoria Cross".



The first recipients of the Dickin Medal in December 1943 were three pigeons serving with the Royal Air Force, all of whom contributed to the recovery of an aircrew from a ditched aircraft. One of the most recent to be honoured is Treo, a black Labrador, awarded for his "heroic actions as an arms and explosives search dog in Afghanistan."

These true tales of heartrending devotion and duty are told from first hand accounts and from the citations themselves. There's Rip the terrier who is credited with saving upwards of 100 lives by sniffing out survivors buried after bombing raids in WWII. Judy the pointer, was the hero of a Japanese Prisoner of War Camp. Simon the ship's cat, though injured, continued to stay with his crew under fire. G.I. Joe the pigeon saved the inhabitants of a village in Italy when she flew twenty miles in twenty minutes with a message to evacuate prior to a bombing raid. There's Buster, a spaniel who located an arms cache in Afghanistan, saving the lives of countless soldiers. Written in a spirit of celebration, and intended to provide a lasting memorial to these remarkable animals and the men and women who came to rely on them, these tales of courage and devotion will stay with the reader long after they have closed the book.



**This book can be borrowed from the clubs library for a small bond that will be refunded upon the return of the book. There is also a variety of other dog training books, dog training related DVDs and magazines available for hire at no cost except for a small bond. Please feel free to speak to any of your instructors if you wish to utilise the clubs library.**

**if I can't Learn the way  
you teach, maybe you  
should teach me the  
way I Learn...**

**Don't blame me -  
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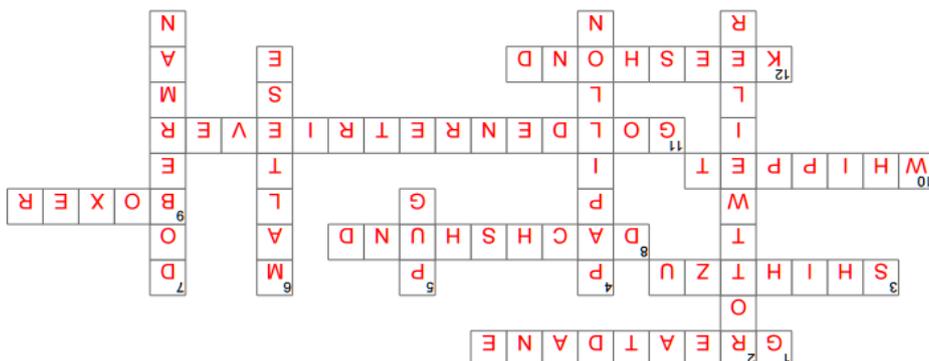
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and Natalie Brown.**

**BACK ROW L-R:  
Ana Butcher, Frank Vanatta, Steve Reason, and Sherran Howlett.**

**ABSENT:  
Nicole Summers, Julie Lovell, and Katherine Stephens.**

**People and their positions within the club:**

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