

# Pet News

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## HAPPY HOLIDAYS !!!



Deck the halls with boughs on Collies – fa la la la la, la la la la  
Fill their bowls with beef tamales – fa la la la la, la la la la  
Don we now our boots and leashes, fa la la, la la la, la la la  
To play on snow, and sometimes beaches, fa la la la, la la la la

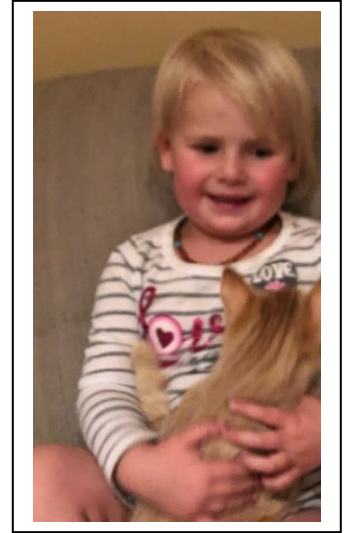
. . . just a bit of silliness to get you into the mood for the upcoming holiday. . .  
But on the serious side, the volunteers at Delta County Humane Society want to wish all  
of our supporters, adopters, local vets, donors, and every animal lover out there a

**Happy Holiday season and a Healthy New Year !!**

*These happy adopters and their rescues will be spending their first Christmas together . . . .*



← While Lee holds their son, Bridger, and Cooper looks on from her comfy chair, Tobie is holding “Boogie,” the latest addition to their family. Little Boogie had a tough start in life, but now he has a family of four to love on him. Chris, his foster mom, said Boogie usually wanted to share people food, and Tobie wrote to say that once they got home to Glenwood Springs, he was already willing to eat their popcorn. Adopted on September 30, & as shown in the photo on the right, we are sure that this lucky kitten has adjusted to life with his loving family. Thanks! →



← Kelley, foster mom in Paonia, adopted out “Marmalade” to Alexa and Chase, of Crested Butte, on Oct.23. They had been looking for a ginger cat for some time, & fell in love with Marmalade when they saw her photos & video. They also have a blind Boston Terrier, who seemed to accept Marmalade in his life. Great adoption, Chase & Alexa! – please send us updated photos when you get a chance.



← Marion came to Joan’s home, our foster mom in Delta, on Oct. 24 to adopt Thelma. Joan tells us that Marion and her new kitty, who is now known as “Gypsy,” bonded immediately. It sure looks like Gypsy will have a forever home with Marion at her home in Delta, Colo. and will get in a lot of lap time. Thanks, Marion, for taking in this rescue kitty!

Meet “Suki” and “Rigby” who were adopted by Julie and Andy of Gunnison, Colo. Sorry we don’t have a photo taken with the adopters, but they promised to send us a photo showing these sister kittens with their twin daughters – for whom the adoption was made. →



← Tommy and Adele of Hotchkiss, Colo. fell in love with “Sparrow’s” picture while on Petfinder, and really fell in love when they came to meet her at Chris’s home (her foster mom) in Cedaredge. They recently lost an older cat at age 17, and their 2-year-old kitty needed someone to play with. What a great home for Sparrow – two people who love him already and a 4-footed pal to play with!



**WARNING: THESE ARE HARMFUL  
TO DOGS AND CATS**

- Alcohol
- Caffeine
- Chocolate/Candy
- Cooked bones/Fatty food
- Electrical cords
- Glass Ornaments
- Grapes & Raisins
- Mistletoe, Holly & Poinsettia
- Mushrooms
- Pine Needles
- Onions & Garlic
- Nuts
- Sugar
- Tinsel
- Xylitol (gum)





# PUPPY SIZE

Author Unknown

"Danielle keeps repeating it over and over again. We've been back to this animal shelter at least five times. It has been weeks now since we started all of this," the mother told the volunteer.



"What is it she keeps asking for?" the volunteer asked.

"Puppy size!" replied the mother.

"Well, we have plenty of puppies, if that's what she's looking for."

"I know...we have seen most of them," the mom said in frustration...

Just then Danielle came walking into the office "Well, did you find one?" asked her mom.

"No, not this time," Danielle said with sadness in her voice. "Can we come back on the weekend?"

The two women looked at each other, shook their heads and laughed "You never know when we will get more dogs. Unfortunately, there's always a supply," the volunteer said.

Danielle took her mother by the hand and headed to the door. "Don't worry, I'll find one this weekend," she said.

Over the next few days both mom and dad had long conversations with her. They both felt she was being too particular. "It's this weekend or we're not looking anymore," Dad finally said in frustration. "We don't want to hear anything more about puppy size either," Mom added.

Sure enough, they were the first ones in the shelter on Saturday morning. By now Danielle knew her way around, so she ran right for the section that housed the smaller dogs. Tired of the routine, mom sat in the small waiting room at the end of the first row of cages. There was an observation window so you could see the animals during times when visitors weren't permitted.

Danielle walked slowly from cage to cage, kneeling periodically to take a closer look. One by one the dogs were brought out and she held each one. One by one she said, "Sorry, you're not the one."

It was the last cage on this last day in search of the perfect pup. The volunteer opened the cage door and the child carefully picked up the dog and held it closely. This time she took a little longer.

"Mom, that's it! I found the right puppy! He's the one! I know it!" she screamed with joy. "It's the puppy size!"

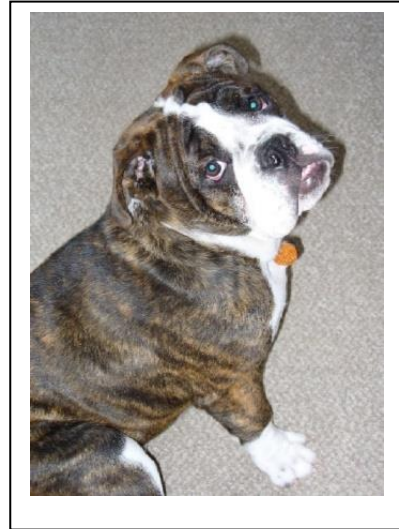
"But it's the same size as all the other puppies you held over the last few weeks," Mom said.

"No not size ---- sighs. When I held him in my arms, he sighed," she said. "Don't you remember? When I asked you one day what love is, you told me love depends on the sighs of your heart. The more you love, the bigger the sigh!"

The two women looked at each other for a moment. Mom didn't know whether to laugh or cry. As she stooped down to hug the child, she did a little of both.

"Mom, every time you hold me, I sigh. When you and Daddy come home from work and hug each other, you both sigh. I knew I would find the right puppy if it sighed when I held it in my arms," she said. Then holding the puppy up close to her face she said, "Mom, he loves me. I heard the sighs of his heart!"

Close your eyes for a moment and think about the love that makes you sigh. I not only find it in the arms of my loved ones, but in the caress of a sunset, the kiss of the moonlight and the gentle brush of cool air on a hot day.



They are the sighs of God. Take the time to stop and listen; you will be surprised at what you hear.

"Life is not measured by the breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away."

### **We always need foster homes for our dogs and cats . . . . Can you help?**

It always seems odd to me that some Delta County residents want us to solve the problem of pet overpopulation, by taking in every stray dog and cat. But those same people don't want to be part of the solution. DCHS is an all-volunteer organization - we get paid, but only with doggie hugs and kisses, and kitty purrs and snuggles.

At the present time, we have six active foster homes, and yet we managed to adopt out 30 dogs and 41 cats so far this year. We could do more, with more people willing to become foster homes. I won't sugarcoat this responsibility - you need to be there for the animals 24/7 - you must be able to smile even when people give you a bad time - and be strong when caring for an abused animal, but it's all worth it when you find the perfect home for the animal that you are fostering.

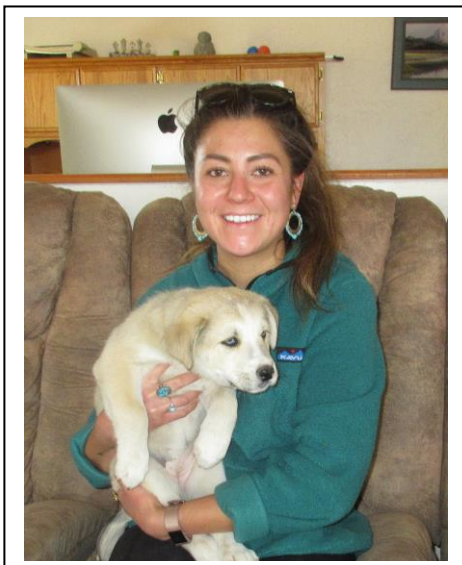
Think about it, and if you want to become a foster parent, please call our phone number and leave your name and phone number. A member of our group will return your call and discuss qualifications for the job. If you love animals, you won't regret it, & you'll make new friends - both human & the 4-footed variety.

*She likes to be known as the “Puppy Lady,” . . . and for good reason . . .*

Our foster mom, Carol, in Crawford, Colo., dealt with two litters of puppies this past summer and felt she deserved a “sabbatical.” Well, your idea and my idea of sabbatical are entirely different than Carol’s idea of taking some time off. On August 30, she was approached by one of the other rescue groups in the area and asked to take in a pregnant Husky dog. Yup, you guessed it – Carol put her other needs aside and took in Jenna, a beautiful Husky, that was very pregnant. Two days later, September 1, Jenna gave birth to five beautiful pups. With Carol’s care, and Jenna being a terrific mom, all five pups stayed healthy – the beautiful photo below shows them at around six weeks of age.



The pups were vaccinated and ready to be put up for adoption the week of October 20, and here are some of the first adoptions . . . .



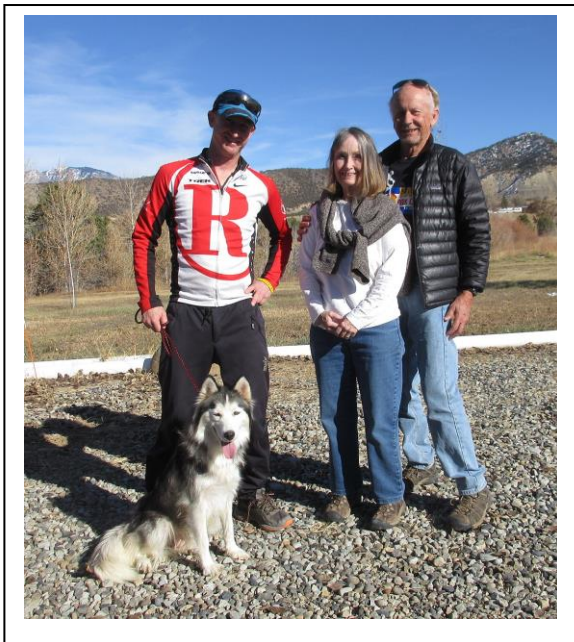
← The first pup out the door was this adorable all-white, blue-eyed puppy, adopted by Jewel-Leah of Gunnison, Colo. When Jewel-Leah arrived on Oct.24, the pup laid at her feet, while she filled out the adoption paperwork, and the two of them quickly bonded. Jewel-Leah has had Huskies in her life growing up, and knows how to train and care for them. This little girl pup will have the perfect home – and we hear that there is hiking and fishing in her future too. Super adoption!





← Then on October 27, the second pup (the only boy in the litter) was adopted by Josh, of Fruita, Colo. Carol said that this little guy was usually the “shy guy” of the pups, but he went right up to Josh and licked his hand, as if to say “I’m ready to go home.” Josh said there is hiking, and other fun stuff, in his pup’s future. Josh has been without a dog for a while, so now is a good time for both of them to bond with each other. Thanks, Josh!

The next pup found his forever home with Bria and Jake on October 30 – this lucky pup will have three kids to grow up with and play with every day – (left to right) Elise, Jacob (aka “Cub”) and Aubri – plus, there is another dog at home and 100 acres to run around on. Sounds like this little girl pup won the lottery and gets to live here locally in Eckert, Colo. Yea !! →

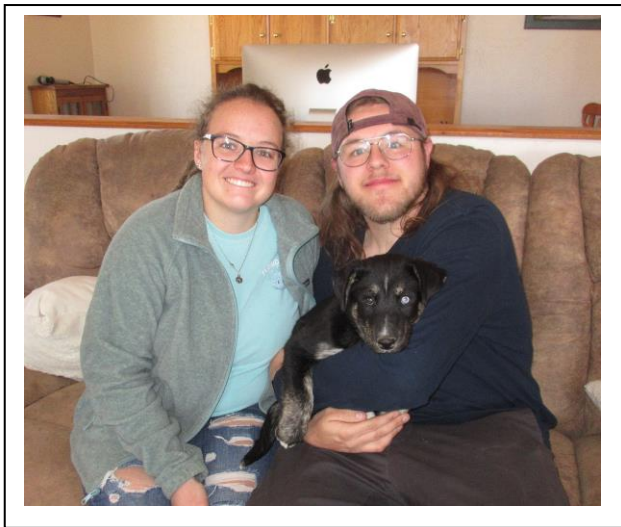


← The best surprise was when Jenna (kna “Kona”) was adopted on Nov.3 – she was already weaned from her pups, so Carol listed her as adoptable, and within a few short days, Enno and Penny wanted Kona in their lives. Their son, Zack, (on left) who was here for a visit, came along for adoption day. Enno & Penny have had Huskies in their lives before too, so that’s a plus for Kona – and she will have a huge backyard with deer fencing to run in at their home in Cedaredge, Colo. Thank you for taking in this beautiful girl!

*“Money can buy you a fine dog, but only love can make him wag his tail.” — Kinky Friedman*



← Puppy #4 went home with Wylene and her mother, Lori, on November 5 to their home in Delta, Colo. Sadly, they had lost their old dog, and now needed the pitter-patter of four paws in their home again, and the love of a dog to fill their hearts. We understand from our foster mom, Carol, that Wylene never put this puppy down once she picked her up – we can only guess that there was some serious bonding in the days following the adoption. This pup will have a wonderful home & we love all the smiles ! . . . (see our following Update pages)



← . . . and the last pup got her forever home with Delaney and Austin of Vail, Colo. on November 6. She'll have another 4-legged brother to play with at their home, and we understand that some playing in the snow will be in her future – it's a good thing she has that Husky coat to keep her warm.

... and it looks like she has already bonded with her new pal in her home – we got this photo on Nov.15. We love it!! →

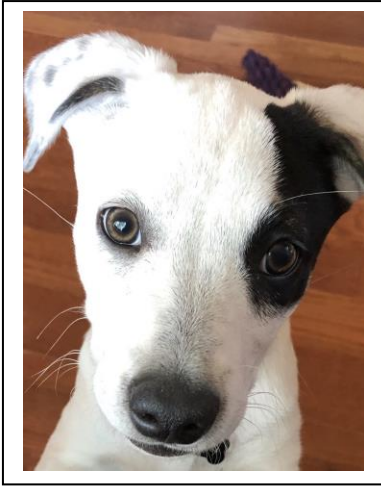


## NEW LOGO !!

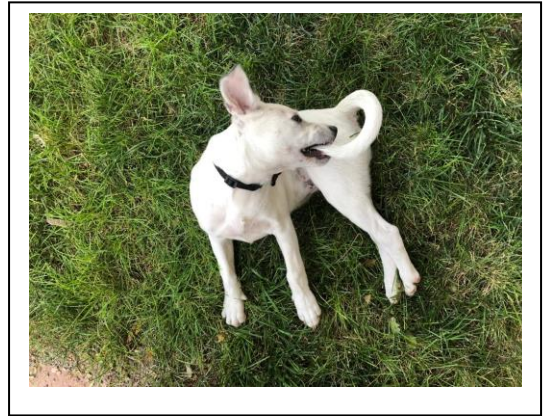
You may have already seen our new logo floating around on some of our documents, but in case you haven't, here it is ! Our thanks go out to our foster mom, Kelley, for taking the lead on developing our new logo, and also to her graphic-artist friend, who patiently took in all our ideas and suggestions. It was time for a change, and we like it!!



*Let's give a look at updates on previously adopted animals . . .*



← This is “Luca,” who was adopted in July by Sally. They fell in love with each other, and Sally says that she is smitten with Luca and couldn’t have asked for a better dog. Thank you, Sally, for letting us know what a great home Luca has now. →

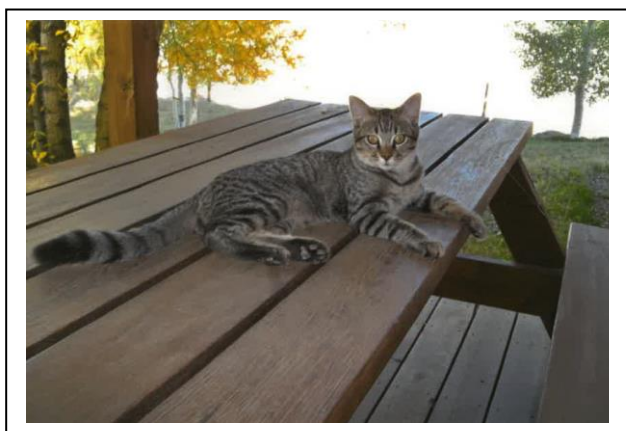


← Eric and Rachel, of Wisconsin, have given their dog, Cleo, the best first two years of her life. Here are the latest photos of Cleo’s doggie celebration of life on her 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday. Do we think that Cleo is spoiled? - yes, for sure, and we are so happy for her. ↓



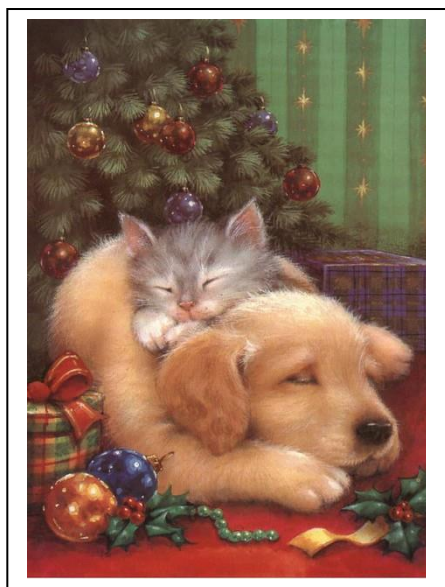
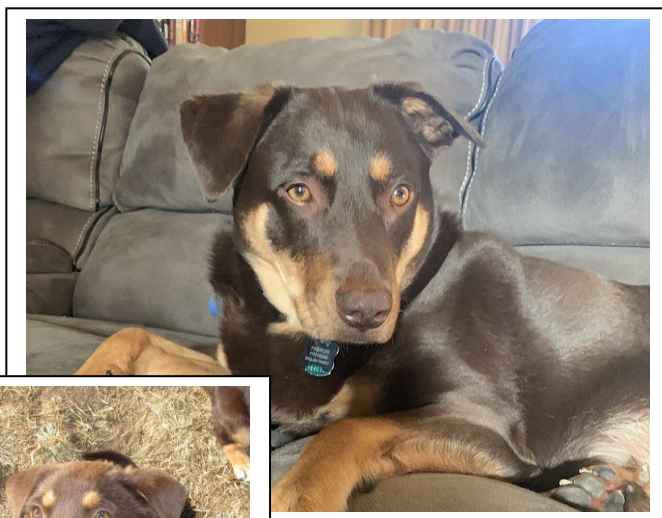
← Jesse and Shelby, of Norwood, Colo., adopted “Mason” (black pup) from our foster mom, Carol, in September 2019 because they felt their old pit, Sam, was lonely. Obviously, from this photo they sent us, Sam is lonely no more. What a sweet photo, showing how two dogs can bond with each other. Thank you both for taking Mason into your hearts and home!

Meet “Walley Holley” – that’s his new name now, and isn’t he a cutie? He was adopted by Greg and Donna of Glenwood Springs, Colo. back in August 2019 and this picture was taken shortly after they arrived home. Walley also entertains them by chasing his tail. We love the photo! Keep them comin’ ! →



← “Boomer” has absolutely made himself at home with his new mom, Nancy, and her husband. He was adopted on Sept. 9. They have lots of other 4-footed family members at their home in Gunnison, Colo., but we think that Boomer has definitely found his place among them. Thanks for the update – he looks wonderful!

What a difference 2 years makes! The pup below was adopted in Jan. 2018 by Deryk & Crystal of Grand Junction, Colo. Carol had named him Sasquatch because he was polydactyl (6 toes), but the family kids renamed him “Rolo” because they thought he had the coloring of the candy they liked. Rolo has become a gorgeous dog – thanks to a loving family!



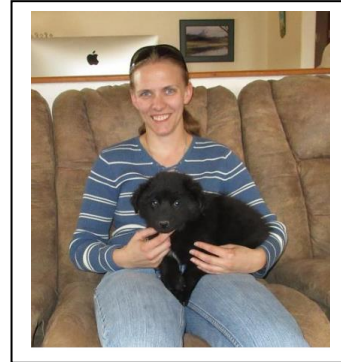
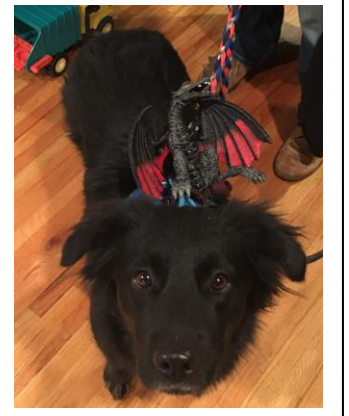
*May You and Yours have a Very Merry Christmas !*



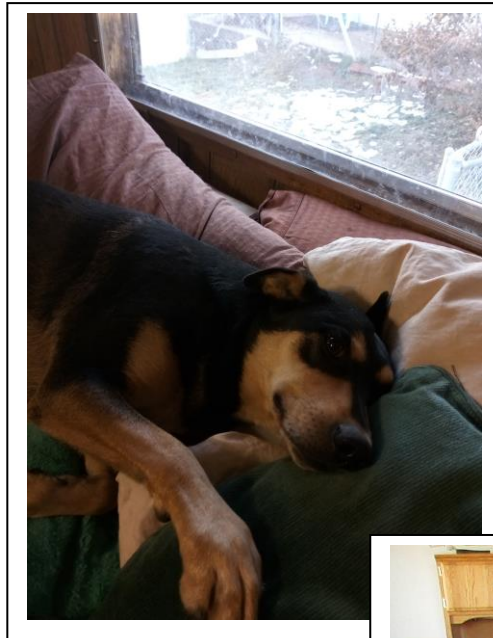


← “Karigan” was just a ball of fluff (see below) when Jessica, of Montrose, Colo., adopted him in 2018 at this time of year. Now he’s a gorgeous, sleek canine all dressed up for Halloween as “Karigan the Dragon Bearer.” →

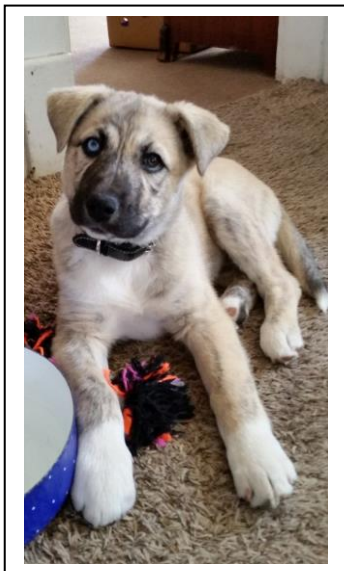
Thanks, Jessica, for sharing how wonderful Karigan looks now!



So, seriously? – this stuff melts?



← Joan adopted “Maddie” from foster mom, Carol, in 2017 (pic below) – and is absolutely in love with both of her dogs. Maddie and Marky are best buds, and Joan has done a wonderful job of loving and caring for them. Thanks for the update, Joan!



← Well, we were right about the bonding between owners & dog (see related adoption on pg.8 above. We received an email on Nov.12 telling us that Wylene slept on the floor with her pup, nka as “Nanook,” for the first 4 nights.

Way to go, Wylene!







*Happy Holidays Everyone !!*

*All of our animals have been very good this year and deserve to enjoy the holiday spirit too. If you find a few extra dollars in your pocket that you could donate to us, it would be greatly appreciated. Your kindness would go a long way to help feed, medicate, and care for our foster dogs and cats.*

*Thank you!*

The Delta County Humane Society is a non-profit organization. This means all of your donations of money and materials are tax deductible. The organization is not funded by your government tax dollars. This is why YOUR membership and donations are so very vital to us. As many of you are aware, we have only a small force of volunteers who care for the abandoned and unwanted animals in their homes until they can be provided with a permanent and suitable home. If you are concerned with the well-being of our animals and would like to help financially with a membership or donation, please fill out this form and return it with your check. If you have material items with a value, please call our office (970-874-2149) and leave a message. (We are always in need of blankets, towels, dog houses and runs, pet food, carriers, collars, leashes, food bowls, large food storage containers, wire fencing, etc.)

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