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PREZ'S MESSAGE

It is wonderful to see the number of entries in our Spring Obedience and Rally Trial. Three working rings, a warm up ring and some pretty good sized classes...we are almost back to normal.

Thank you to our club volunteers who have been working hard to make this happen.

Thank you to those who will be working the weekend.

Club members cheering for each other and coming together to enjoy our sport will make this trial in our 75th year as an obedience club especially memorable.

In looking to the future note that included in the Articles of Incorporation:

Article III

The purpose of this Corporation shall be to further dog obedience training, dog obedience trials, agility trials, tracking tests, and other activities consistent with these purposes and in furtherance thereof.



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Prez's Message *(Continued from Page 1)*

To this end, the board is interested in hearing from all members as to ideas to advance the purpose of our club. The past year has been a year of reflection and AKC has made some suggestions for updating club By-Laws. Please read through our By-Laws. The board will be looking to see if any changes may be in order.

Your thoughts are appreciated.

Terrie

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

General Meeting

May 16 at 7pm
over Zoom

Board Meeting

April 14 at 7pm
Over Zoom

New WSOTC Email Group

Since Yahoo groups ended in December, we have moved our email group to the platform IO Groups. The email group can be used to ask questions, hold discussions, or share news with all club members who belong to the group.

- ★ To sign up, send a blank email to wsotcmembers+subscribe@groups.io.
- ★ Once you've joined, you can send an email to the group by sending to the address wsotcmembers@groups.io. Need help getting started? Email Elizabeth at souleea@gmail.com.

CLUB COMMITTEES & CHAIRS

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WSOTC 75th Anniversary Obedience and Rally Trials

April 3 and 4, 2021
at Fun Fur Paws in Mt Vernon

Thank you to everyone who has entered these trials! Our goal is to put on a fabulous 75th Anniversary trial, even with COVID. Given this, we ask that all exhibitors carefully read their judging program, as it will contain COVID specific guidelines. Please do not hesitate to reach out to the chair and during the trial ask questions. We will do our best to answer everything. Do understand the guidelines from the state and county are changing, so everyone is working on understanding them as we enter a statewide Phase 3 plan.

Although we often recognize people at the end of the events, I do want to take this time to recognize the Board, Terrie Sato, Sue Cox, Nancy Light, JoAnne Mulligan, Holly Krohn, Jane Pitts, Elizabeth Soule, and Don Rennick, as well as BaRay and our outstanding list of stewards and COVID safety volunteers, for all of their hard work behind the scenes to make these trials possible. We needed a lot of extra eyes, hands, and discussions this year, so it is much appreciated and recognized (and if I missed anyone, I greatly apologize, do know you are appreciated). Thank you everyone.

This year we will not have an official show photographer. With this being our 75th Anniversary, we would like to invite budding photographers, the cell phone selfie obsessed, casual photographer, and anyone else who happens to capture a fun moment, to bring your cameras and help share in memorializing our trials. It will be meaningful to have club members and guests capture the weekend, and this most unique period in dog show history, to reflect upon. For those wanting to take photos inside the building, please let the chair and/or building entrance crew know, so we can monitor our total numbers throughout the day. All photos taken outside are welcomed. Remember to send any photos to the event chair and/or post them to WSOTC's Facebook page throughout the weekend.

See everyone on April 3rd and 4th (ok maybe not everyone, but lots of you). :-D

Thanks,
Amanda

Note from the editor: Don't forget to also send your photos and celebrations to the Elizabeth (souleea@gmail.com) for the newsletter!

2021 Club Membership Rosters are Now Available

The 2021 Membership Roster is available to download in the member only section of the website. Sue Cox will have some printed copies available at the WSOTC trials (April 3 & 4) so if you want to pick up a copy please let her know so she can bring enough along for distribution.

Upcoming Western Washington All Breed Trials

- ◆ **Columbia River Agility Club (Agility)** 4/2-4/4 at Clark County Event Center
- ◆ **Washington State Obedience Training Club** (Obedience, Rally) 4/3-4 at Fun Fur Paws
- ◆ **American Manchester Terrier Club** (Agility) 4/17-18 at Argus Ranch
- ◆ **Bell Vernon Kennel Association** (Agility) 4/23-25 at Fun Fur Paws
- ◆ **Tacoma Kennel Club** (Obedience, Rally) 4/24-25 at The Tacoma Dome
- ◆ **Puget Sound Poodle Club** (Agility) 4/30-5/2 at Argus Ranch
- ◆ **Sno-King Agility Club** (Agility) 5/7-9 at Argus Ranch
- ◆ **Nisqually Kennel Club** (Rally) 5/8 at Grays Harbor County Fairgrounds
- ◆ **Chuckanut Dog Training Association** (Agility) 5/14-16 at Fun Fur Paws
- ◆ **German Shepherd Dog Club of WA State** (Obedience, Rally) 5/14-16 at Carco Park (Renton)
- ◆ **German Shepherd Dog Club of Oregon** (Agility) 5/14-16 at Clark County Fairgrounds
- ◆ **Seattle Kennel Club** (Agility) 5/21-23 at Argus Ranch
- ◆ **Whidbey Island Kennel Club** (Obedience, Rally) 5/22-23 at Monroe

The German Shepherd Dog Club of Washington State is hosting the following events this spring:

Sanction Match April 18 at Carco Park, Renton

All breed rally and obedience

Entry form attached to newsletter email

Enter by April 11 (Day of match entries accepted)

Three Day All Breed Obedience and Rally Trial

May 14-16 at Carco Park in Renton

Secretary: BaRay—Closing Date 4/28/21



GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 7, 2021

A presentation on Virtual rally, Virtual Obedience and Fix and Go was made by Carolyn Wray before the meeting.

Carolyn is a Virtual Rally judge and talked about the many ways people lose points or NQ. The most important thing she said is to know the rules, not what other people say. The AKC has come out with a new guide book and you can go to AKC.org or their Facebook page to link to demos. The biggest challenges are setting up the course, getting the camera placement right and making sure the video can be seen on all devices. (If you use your phone, have someone review it on another device.

Carolyn also said that exhibitors cannot use a Virtual CD title to go into regular Open. You must have a CD from in-person shows to progress to Open.

Fix and Go: Tell the judge "I'd like to do a Fix and Go" and repeat the exercise. Remember you can't look like you are discipling the dog (using you feet to guide the dog for a Front, could look like you are "kicking" the dog).

1. **Call to Order** - Meeting was called to order at 7:50pm on March 7, 2021 by President Terrie Sato via Zoom.

Attending: Terrie Sato, Nancy Light, Janice Bergman, Betty Winthers, Susan Mulligan, Neil Evans, Cathy Soule, Rhonda Forman, Arlette Davison, Sarah Kahn, Amy Reagan, Laura Burns, Jill Petersen, Karen Snee, JoAnne Mulligan, Nancy Harney, Martha Jordan, Reggie Gausman, Elizabeth Soule, Sue Cox. Guest: Pat Linquist

2. **Minutes** - Minutes from the January 24th General meeting were approved as printed in the Canine Post.

3. **Report of the Board** - The Board is thrilled that Betty Winthers has been nominated for the AKC Lifetime Achievement Award for Companion Events. We wholeheartedly support her nomination.

4. **Report of the President** - Thanks to Sue Cox for arranging our guest speaker tonight. Lots of changes are going on in the Events Department at AKC and it is important to stay informed.

5. **Report of the Secretary** -

- From AKC - Event pending notice for Agility Trial
- Notice of new By-Laws service
- Sent: Notice to members of their selection to the Nominating Committee

6. **Report of the Treasurer** - Sue gave the financial report

7. **Committees**

- a. **Membership** - First reading for Pat Linquist- Terrie Sato and Nancy Light are her sponsors
- b. **Spring Trial 2021** - Nancy reports she has received more RV space requests than normal and will put out stewards schedule after entries close.
Sue reports about 19 people on the Covid Committee
Terrie is counting on members to remind everyone about social distancing
- c. **Hearts and Flowers** - No report

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MARCH 7, 2021

- d. **Agility** - No report
- e. **Nominating** - No report
- f. **Diamond Anniversary** - Scott's Trophies has found a supply of our logo pins. Karen has picked them up

8. **Unfinished Business** - None

9. **New Business**

- a. AKC Lifetime Achievement Award- Motion was made and approved to cast our vote for
 - Betty Winthers-Companion Events
 - James Crowley- Conformation
 - Sharol Hathaway- Performance

10. **Good of the Order**

Sue Cox reports that the AKC has new requirements for becoming an AKC judge. Please contact Sue Cox or Betty Winthers if interested

11. **Adjournment** - Meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm

Submitted by Janice Bergman, Club Secretary



READING FOR TERRIE SATO FOR THE 2020 WSOTC PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT TROPHY

The recipient of the 2020 WSOTC Club Achievement award. has made a substantial contribution to our Club and it is time she was recognized with this award. Since 2017, she has taken on the challenge of the office of President, leading us with wisdom and a steady hand. In that position WSOTC has increased its membership, maintained or added to the events offered to the membership and the fancy, (with an exception to 2020 where the pandemic has had catastrophic effects on the sport of dogs), and kept us on an even keel through all the many challenges obedience has faced in the last years.

2020 has unquestionably been one of the most challenging years our Club has ever faced. This recipient has been unceasingly encouraging the membership to remain committed to what events we could do, looked for alternative ways to do things, always staying alert to keeping us all safe in the events we have been able to carry out.

In addition to the presidency, she has also co-chaired the recent obedience/rally trials, chaired Connie Cleveland seminars, encouraged and chaired C-matches, laid track at TDX tests, and supported and cheered on all of the events that WSOTC has offered since she joined the Club in 2013.

She is active in obedience with her own dogs, showing her Golden and Labradors to the level of UDX and with OTCH points on Bravo, her black Lab. Now, she is actively training two young labs managing their challenges through the difficulty of training in Covid times and with a dearth of opportunities to show. She is a thoughtful and dedicated trainer, always logical, firm, but kind. She is also generous in helping others with their training, with a good eye for what might be going wrong.

Her other passion is field, competing very successfully in both field trials and hunt tests, where she is a well-respected and sought-after judge.

In all aspects of her conduct in competition and otherwise her sportsmanship is without question. With no hesitation, the Board has selected Terrie Sato as the 2020 recipient of the WSOTC Personal Achievement Trophy.

Nancy Light



CLUB NEWS

2020 WSOTC AWARDS

Arlette Davison, Michael Davison

Bloom An Let It Go (Elsa)

Papillon

RE

TKA

Ezee's Princess Royal Brea (Brea)

RN

RI

CH

TKA

Sunshine Butterfly Ornamenta (Menta)

Papillon

TKA

Rhonda and Mike Forman

Rattlinridge's Fearless Flier (Willow)

Labrador Retriever

CD

Nancy Light

Rio Ranch Leap Into Action (Lia)

TKN

TKI

JHU

Kathy Teufel

Ottereco Frontier Rusty Roads (Danny)

Border Terrier

OF

FENZI TEAM 1

NADAC WGC

Cripple Creek Always Looking Up to the Frontier (Douglas)

Border Terrier

RATN

NACSW ORT

Top Dog Novice

Rhonda and Mike Forman

Rattlinridge's Fearless Flier (Willow)

(187,191.5)189.5

Top Dog Open (None applied)

Top Dog Utility (None applied)

Personal Achievement Award

Terrie Sato

‘Fix n’ Go’ - Pilot Concept

By the American Kennel Club Companion Events Department

This is a new concept, and new things can create anxiety. After all, just like our dogs, we’re all creatures of routine who take comfort in the familiar. To alleviate any anxiety you might be feeling with respect to this new change, here are some things to remember.

The new Fix ‘n Go concept will be offered on a one-year pilot basis beginning April 1, 2021. The concept will be evaluated throughout, and a survey will be conducted prior to the end of its term.

The Fix n’ Go concept is intended to allow the handler to reattempt the exercise to help their dog while performing in the obedience ring. Historically, any attempt to help the dog was considered ‘training in the ring’ and has not been permitted. Such training was penalized; however, these penalties sometimes have been inconsistently applied by judges and misunderstood by handlers. Our goal is to bring clarity to what a handler may and may not do, in the spirit of good sportsmanship, to help their dog be successful at future events.

Please remember that we are all guided by the principles of good sportsmanship. We ask our judges to be kind and patient, and our exhibitors to be thoughtful and respectful, while we work together to implement this new procedure.

CHAPTER 2 – The current Section 27 is replaced in its entirety with the following new section. The new section does not negate any other sections of the *Obedience Regulations*. The *Obedience Judge’s Guidelines* remind us that the book cannot cover all situations, nor can it be a substitute for common sense.

Section 27. Training and Handling in the Ring. When a handler is using excessive verbal commands, this could indicate the dog is not under control and is not working with the handler willingly. The judge must determine if this dog should be released for a lack of control. The handler is not allowed to correct or discipline a dog and will be released from the ring.

When the dog’s performance does not meet the handler’s expectation, the handler may choose to use a “Fix n’ Go” option once, which allows the exhibitor to immediately reattempt a single individual exercise. This allows the team to reattempt that one exercise, and then leave the ring. In a two-part exercise, the handler may choose only one part to reattempt. It is the handler’s responsibility to tell the judge they are choosing to “Fix n’ Go.” Using the Fix n’ Go option will result in a non-qualifying score (NQ). [The handler may begin the reattempt from the](#) start or at any point during the exercise. The judge will call the orders for the reattempted exercise as normal. If a jump needs to be reset, it will be set to the original height.

The handler may choose to help the dog through the Fix n’ Go exercise. [Helping the dog may](#) be accomplished using verbal encouragement, including additional commands and praise, and/or approaching the dog in a friendly/positive manner without touching the dog.



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Harsh verbal and/or physical corrections will not be tolerated. If there is any determination of harshness by the judge, the handler will be immediately released from the ring.

Spectators form their opinion of the sport through seeing the action of the handler and the dog. Care must be taken to avoid any action that might reflect poorly on the sport.

Let's break this new section down point by point starting with when the Fix n' Go is not used.

- When a dog is not under control and willingly working with its handler, the judge must determine if the team should be released from the ring. In the process of doing so, judges are reminded to be kind (and handlers are reminded to be respectful of the judge's decision and kind to their dogs). There is no option for a Fix n' Go here.
- If the handler corrects or disciplines the dog, judges must release the team. There is no option for a Fix n' Go here.

In both cases above, if the team has NQ'd an exercise the judge would write an NQ-R in the exercise box. If an NQ did not occur but the judge releases the team, the judge would write Released. In both cases, an NQ is written in the Total Score box.

- An additional command should be evaluated and scored according to the *Obedience Regulations*, Chapter 2, Section 21 and does not, in and of itself, require the team to be released or to Fix n' Go.
- If the behavior of the dog or handler requires judges to release or excuse the team, the Fix n' Go is not an option.
- Examination exercises: Deductions will be made for shyness. Any display of fear or nervousness must be penalized. Judges, please do not entertain the notion of reapproaching a shy dog. The Fix n' Go is never an option in these cases.
- The Fix n' Go option may be used during an individual exercise; it is not allowed in the Novice Group Exercise.

Using the Fix n' Go Option

- The handler must begin an exercise to choose to use the Fix n' Go option.
- The team does not have to NQ an exercise for the handler to choose to use the Fix n' Go option.
- If the option is going to be used, the handler must do so before moving onto the next exercise.
- It is the handler's responsibility to tell the judge they are choosing to Fix n' Go.
- Once the handler tells the judge they are going to Fix n' Go, the exercise being reattempted is marked as an NQ and the NQ is carried down to the Total Score box.
- Only one part of a two-part exercise may be reattempted. Two-part exercises are Heel on Leash and Figure Eight, Heel Free and Figure Eight, and Directed Jumping.
- If a jump needs to be reset, it will be set to the original height.
- The handler may begin the reattempt from the start or at any point during the exercise.
- The judge will call the orders, and act as if judging for the reattempted exercise as usual.



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- The handler may help the dog using verbal encouragement, including additional commands and praise, and/or approaching the dog in a friendly/positive manner.
- The handler may not touch the dog; judges should simply release at that point if they do.
- Once the reattempt is done, the team leaves the ring.
- Judges, please refrain from going into instructor mode. Leave the training up to the handler; you be the judge.
- Exhibitors, please be mindful of your own and your dog's behavior in the ring. In the process of helping your dog, your actions should not be disruptive to adjacent rings. Additionally, you will need to be prepared; you will need to be ready a couple of dogs before your turn just in case teams before you are choosing to use the Fix n' Go option.

If you have questions, comments, or concerns you would like to share with us, please be sure to send an email to obedience@akc.org.

Thank you for supporting the sport!

Updated Requirements for Obedience Judging Candidates

In June 2019, the Companion Events department amended the requirements for obedience judging candidates to allow a greater flexibility to those seeking to become judges. However, then the pandemic hit in March 2020. Therefore, very few obedience events have been available since the reduction in the requirements, with more than half of the obedience events cancelled in 2020.

The changes that were made to the judging candidate application requirements in June 2019, reduced the criteria necessary to apply and were as follows:

- Added that candidates may apply if they have put a Preferred Utility title on a dog and a second dog to a Preferred Novice title, in addition to one of the two dogs also achieving a CD title.
- Reduced the number of times a candidate has judged at a sanctioned A or B match (or equivalent non-regular class at a trial) from 5 times to 2 times.
- Reduced the number of dogs a candidate has to judge at a sanctioned A or B match (or equivalent non-regular class at a trial) from 50 dogs to 20 dogs.
- For Novice candidates, who must judge twice at sanctioned matches, we added they may use two Novice Wild Card classes; or substitute Novice apprenticeship assignments on a one-to-one basis for the sanctioned matches, and they may count dogs from the Novice A&B, Preferred Novice and Beginner Novice A&B classes.
- For Open candidates, who must judge twice at sanctioned matches, we added they may use two Open Wild Card classes; or substitute Open apprenticeship assignments on a one-to-one basis for the sanctioned matches, and they may count dogs from the Open A&B, Preferred Open and Graduate Novice classes.



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- For Utility candidates, who must judge twice at sanctioned matches, we added they may use two Utility Wild Card classes; or substitute Utility apprenticeship assignments on a one-to-one basis for the sanctioned matches, and they may count dogs from the Utility A&B, Preferred Utility, Graduate Open and Versatility classes.
- We changed the apprentice requirements to include all the dogs that were judged to count from all of the classes listed above, for a total of 30 dogs evaluated. This allows them to combine multiple classes with lower entry numbers to count, whereby before they didn't count unless they had a minimum of ten dogs in a class.

All the changes shown above, allows a greater number of candidates to meet the judging requirements, reducing the criteria required to apply to judge. In addition, once a provisional judge meets the requirements to apply for regular status, they may also apply for provisional status at the next class level at the same time. Prior to these changes, judges seeking regular status had to wait to be notified they were approved for regular status before being allowed to apply at the next class level; which would have caused an additional two-month delay. Now they can send in both requests at the same time.

At this time, we are working with the AKC Education department to develop online education training materials, virtual tests and virtual interviews for obedience and rally judges to assist during the pandemic and beyond. Additionally, we are continuing our work with the virtual rally program and preparing to launch the Virtual Obedience Test program set for March 1 as approved by the Board. You stated the sub-committee was formed to re-visit the lack of individuals applying to judge obedience. I am unsure if the sub-committee is seeking ways to encourage more applicants, or looking at the process for approval? If the latter, please remember the AKC Bylaws assign the authority to issue and revoke judging licenses to the Board. At this time, I have not focused my time beyond the educational investments for judges as further deviation from that work will impact the important advances we are developing for the judges of the sport.

Sincerely,

Pamela Manaton

Director of Obedience, Rally & Tracking

Celebrations!



Kathy Teufel +
Douglas



Douglas has been busy this month. He earned both his Novice and Intermediate MASTERS Trick Dog titles. Also, he found 7 out of 8 hides at his first AKC Scentwork Trial.



Kathy Teufel +
Ellie Rose

And, here is the newest member of our family, Ellie Rose. Of course, she is a Border Terrier.





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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Date: March 16, 2021

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LABRADOR RETRIEVER CELEBRATES 30 YEARS IN THE TOP SPOT AS FRENCH BULLDOG OVERTAKES GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG FOR NUMBER 2 SPOT

New York, NY – Lab lovers continue to make their voices heard! The American Kennel Club (AKC®) announced at a virtual press conference today at the AKC Museum of the Dog that the ever-popular **Labrador Retriever** is the nation's favorite dog for the 30th consecutive year.

While the loveable Lab holds firmly to the top spot, the French Bulldog has continued to skyrocket in popularity. The Frenchie landed at number two in 2020, knocking the German Shepherd Dog down to third. The German Shepherd Dog had been the second most popular dog breed since 2009.

"America's love for Labs is undeniable," said AKC Executive Secretary Gina DiNardo. "They're such versatile, family-friendly dogs that it's no wonder they've been so popular for 30 years. The French Bulldog, however, seems poised to end the Lab's reign. The playful, adaptable Frenchie has become increasingly popular over the past decade and shows no signs of slowing down. As always, we encourage people to do their research to make sure they are not just getting a purebred dog, but most importantly a well-bred dog from a responsible breeder."

The Labrador Retriever was also the number one breed in Albany, NY, Milwaukee, WI, and Salt Lake City, UT.

Other movers and shakers in 2020 include the Dachshund, which pawed its way back into the top 10 at number 10 for the first time in seven years. Making great strides over the past decade are Dalmatians (#69 in 2010 and #51 in 2020), Samoyeds (#72 in 2010 and #56 in 2020), German Wirehaired Pointers (#74 in 2010 and #60 in 2020), Giant Schnauzers (#96 in 2010 and #67 in 2020), Anatolian Shepherd Dogs (#112 in 2010 and #85 in 2020), and Boykin Spaniels (#136 in 2010 and #87 in 2020).

See below for AKC's top 10 most popular breeds in 2020, along with the 2019 comparison:

2020 Most Popular Dogs in the U.S.	2019 Most Popular Dogs in the U.S.
1. Labrador Retriever	1. Labrador Retriever
2. French Bulldog	2. German Shepherd Dog
3. German Shepherd Dog	3. Golden Retriever
4. Golden Retriever	4. French Bulldog

5. Bulldog	5. Bulldog
6. Poodle	6. Poodle
7. Beagle	7. Beagle
8. Rottweiler	8. Rottweiler
9. German Shorthaired Pointer	9. German Shorthaired Pointer
10. Dachshund	10. Pembroke Welsh Corgi

Get social with the AKC! Join us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

Learn more about America's most popular breed, the Labrador Retriever, [HERE](#).

View photos of the most popular breeds [HERE](#).

[EDITOR'S NOTE: Book an interview with an AKC Spokesperson by contacting Jessica D'Amato at 212-696-8346 or jessica.damato@akc.org. Photos from the press conference are also available upon request to members of the press]

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About the American Kennel Club

Founded in 1884, the American Kennel Club is a not-for-profit organization, which maintains the largest registry of purebred dogs in the world and oversees the sport of purebred dogs in the United States. The AKC is dedicated to upholding the integrity of its registry, promoting the sport of purebred dogs and breeding for type and function. Along with its more than 5,000 licensed and member clubs and its affiliated organizations, the AKC advocates for the purebred dog as a family companion, advances canine health and well-being, works to protect the rights of all dog owners and promotes responsible dog ownership. More than 22,000 competitions for AKC-registered purebred and mixed breed dogs are held under AKC rules and regulations each year including conformation, agility, obedience, rally, tracking, herding, lure coursing, coonhound events, hunt tests, field and earthdog tests. Affiliate AKC organizations include the AKC Humane Fund, AKC Canine Health Foundation, AKC Reunite and the AKC Museum of the Dog. For more information, visit www.akc.org.

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