



The Golden Retriever life-size statue was unveiled August 10th at Guisachan with representation by the Fraser and Marjoribanks Clan, many Goldens, a bagpiper and much more. Here is Andrew, Chief of the Clan Marjoribanks who took part in the ceremonies.

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In Memoriam

Bonefeathers Farscape Moya MA/CAN CDX
RAE MX MXJ AXP AJP NF CGC CCA
Can. AgI AgIJ
("Moya")
Judi and Tom Questel

Northern Lights It Just Got Better
("Chelsea")
Dawn Supernault

One Ash Brit's True Glory Ale UDX3, JH, TD
("Glory")

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WC/WCX ANNOUNCED

Event Chair Maxine Clark Has announced the WC/WCX tests for Sunday, October 5 at Echoewood in Mexico, NY. Judges are Joe and Marcia Martin. The 3-page flyer in this issue.

Where to Send It ... For

Golden Tales - Website -Golden Retriever News

All members are encouraged to contribute and submit material. Photos will be returned on request.

Send to Lynn Mickinkle, lmickinkle@gmail.com, or 200 Cobb Drive, Laconia, NY 13083:

ALL brags, all material you'd like to see on our website (www.grccny.org)

and articles for the Golden Retriever News Member Club Columns.

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all material for Golden Tales (except brags).

Activity and Event Leaders

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Certificate of Conformation Assessment

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Calendar of Events

Meetings:

Regular Meeting at Storybook Wags N' Whiskers
8226 Breswerton Road, Cicero, NY
315 699-4149

(Just south of Route 31;
will be on the left going south)
Please bring your own chair.

August 21, 7PM, Location as above
. Meeting preceded by presentation on Acupuncture
by Kathy Smith, DVM,
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Super Singles,

Oct. 11, 10AM,
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Eye Clinic: October 19

Village Veterinary Hospital, Canastota, NY.

Awards Dinner: December 7. 4PM

Further details later in the year.

Speciality, March 28, 2015

EYE CLINIC ANNOUNCED

Event Chair Patti Gambier has announced the Eye Clinic for Sunday, October 19 at Village Veterinary Hospital, Canastota, NY. Hopefully, those members who have volunteered in the past will do so again, along with members who haven't volunteered in the past. See 2 page flyer in this issue.

RESCUE REPORTER

By Carol Allen, Golden Retriever Rescue of Central New York, Inc
www.grrcny.org

Times they are “a’changin’” in Rescue. We have described before our decreasing numbers. Now we are finding that the Golden Retrievers that do come to our attention are leading us in a different direction than that which we initially (1995) thought would be the case.

Examples are:

- A family with recent job losses and hard times asked that we accept their very senior female that had incurred an injury and the family could not afford necessary veterinary care. After determining the family’s ability to and interest in caring for the dog, we agreed to accompany them on veterinary visits and to pay the bill for the immediate need, and future care including eventual euthanasia. Several years ago we created “The Butterfly Fund” just for this kind of thing. The Golden did not have to move from the only family she had ever known and her last few months were happy and pain-free. “Rescue takes many forms”.

- We learned of a 13 year old male Golden that was abandoned and left in an empty house trailer in below zero temperatures. Food was occasionally thrown on the floor for him and his only companion, a very senior pit bull mix. He eventually came to us and his friend went to another program. As adoption was unlikely and as there was a very willing foster home, we classified him as “permanent foster” and committed to cover his veterinary bills for the rest of his life. Tumor removal surgery was necessary for his comfort and ability to move about but it was cancerous and when his pain became too much, he was euthanized. His last 8 months were the best of his life. And in a strange turn of fate, the same day he died so did his little pit bull companion. “Rescue takes many forms”.

- An arrest for cruelty, largely in the form of extreme neglect in a neighboring county was well documented on TV. Twelve dogs were confiscated and are now in the possession of the that county’s Humane Society and must remain there

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NEXT ISSUE:

Deadline for submission of material is October 1. Send material to carosal@twcny.rr.com

That issue will also include:

- 1) Holiday Party details and reservation form
- 2) Award, both Club and Title, and how to apply.
- 3) Annual meeting (October 16th) information including proposed slate of officers.

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pending the resolution of the court proceedings. Veterinary costs are very high and isolation of the dogs was still necessary. Two are Golden Retrievers, both with major sensory deficits (one blind, one deaf and blind). It is unknown if these Golden Retrievers will come into our program but the Shelter Director has asked if we can help place them when/if the time comes. In the meantime, our concern is the care of the Golden Retrievers where they are. We have donated a generous amount of money, and a donor to us has offered to match that amount if the Humane Society lets us know of the need. Stay tuned. "Rescue takes many forms".

- When Casey's loving owner became ill and was no longer able to tend to his serious seizure condition, we were asked to accept Casey. We were having difficulty locating a foster home able to tend to the needs associated with his disorder. The medication regime that Cornell Veterinary School (Companion Animal Hospital there) was costing the owner \$240 each month. Fortunately, the owner's daughter had contacts with Neuse River Golden Retriever Rescue in North Carolina and that program agreed, after discussions with us, to accept Casey along with our offer of supporting the medication costs. The costs of the medications were substantially reduced when obtained from sources in North Carolina. We had made only a couple of monthly payments for those medications when a donor in North Carolina program wanted to relieve us of that commitment and assume the medication costs. Casey was adopted soon thereafter by an experienced family with full awareness of the financial implications of his care. "Rescue takes many forms."



Harper

- Harper's needs – only some of which had been made apparent – stressed three foster homes in our area, including mine, to a point that was intolerable. Delaware Valley Golden Retriever Rescue agreed to accept his transfer from us with our commitment to cover neutering and the ophthalmology consult we thought was badly needed. Soon surgery was necessary to remove several very foreign objects ingested while Harper was still in his original home, and he was very compromised post-surgery. Harper rebounded though and the eventual consult was obtained and as it was less than conclusive, a neurological consult was recommended. While his vision itself is not the problem, there are some barriers to communication between the brain and the eyes. In human terms, Harper is developmentally challenged and it can be predicted regarding behavior and training, that all learning will be compromised. When we ask another program to take on challenges such as this, we are pleased to do what we can to financially support care. "Rescue takes many forms". Recently we learned that Harper has been adopted.

- Sophie's extraordinary needs and our "record high" financial commitment to her rehabilitation has been described in newsletters of GRRCNY. Two bungled surgeries in the Syracuse area caused what initially was thought to be permanent and very significant hindquarter disabilities. Through the marvels of social media (Facebook), a Buffalo area couple became interested and soon were committed to adopting Sophie. Her progress is truly a marvel as are her adopters and the treatment Sophie has received in Buffalo. (Past issues of the Barquer are available on www.grrcny.org).

These non-traditional rescue activities in behalf of Golden Retrievers by GRRCNY are possible because of the generosity of our donors, a number of which are members of GRCCNY.



Sophie



Book Review

DOG SENSE

by John Bradshaw
Review by Carol Allen

I read recently a very enjoyable and convincing book: DOG SENSE, How the new science of dog behavior can make you a better friend to your pet, by John Bradshaw.

The more we understand about how dogs have evolved, how they think, how they react differently than we do, the more we can befriend them in a manner that truly respects them for what they are. Clearly they aren't "little humans with hair" and the more we "anthropomorphize" them the more the damage we do to our relationship with them. Humans have a very different and much more evolved thought process and by attributing what we know about ourselves and what we feel to a dog is to misunderstand the dog.

But they aren't wolves either except for rather close DNA. The entire and complicated process of domestication, while not changing DNA of course, has affected instincts and habits so totally that the wolf and dog in so many ways aren't even recognizable as related. Primary among these changes are the social needs of the dog and the dependence on humans for contact and bonding. Bradshaw explains how social contact with humans, including eventual selective breeding, have contributed to the dog as we know it today

Our so called understanding (really a misunderstanding) of wolves led to the Dominance Theory of Wolf/Dog behavior and this thinking has wrongly and misguidedly influenced so many of the theories relating to the training of dogs. Originally it was thought that dominance was seen in wolf packs and only later was it clear that the dominance tendencies noticed in wolf packs were seen in wolves in captivity and did not apply to wolves in the wild. Wolves in the wild rely much more heavily on cooperation. While this new awareness is slowly changing the foundation of training, including obedience training, the process is slow. Fortunately the "show the dog who is boss" is being replaced by reward-based training and positive interactions, although "tough love" theories sadly linger.

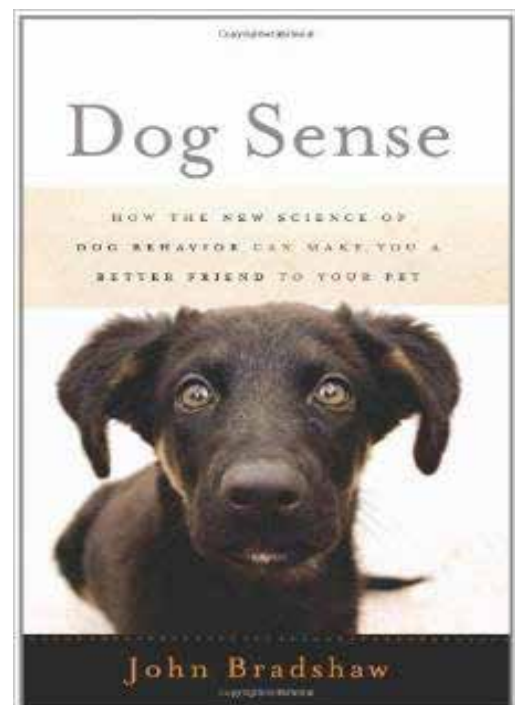
Bradshaw clarified for me what dogs do and do not feel.

- Dogs DO feel joy, love, anger, anxiety, pain, hunger, thirst, sexual attraction.
- Dogs DO NOT feel embarrassment, guilt, shame, pride, regret.
- Dogs DO NOT engage in reflection, rationalization, retrospection, deception or emotional self-control.

This is important knowledge to have as I train or react to something my dog (s) have done that I find displeasurable. And the worse thing I can do – for the dog, for his or her training and for our relationship – is to cause more anxiety. Anxiety and stress are the enemy of cooperation, willingness to attend to you and, of course, learning.

Clearly I am recommending this book and hope that you enjoy it as much as I have.

Carol



TWO OF OUR BEAUTIFUL (and accomplished) GOLDENS

New MACH Cameo (**Topflight Cameo Rose UD RE JH MXB MUS MXF T2B2 CCA WCX VCX ADHF**), owned, loved and handled by Kathy McCloskey, is a dog who loves to work. Kathy says “I believe she perceives work as play. All the venues are fun in her eyes. As a result, she is a pleasure to work with in all our endeavors. She has a mischievous side as well that keeps us all entertained and on our toes, especially me. The popular phrase “It takes a village to raise a child” can also be applied to dog training. Many thanks are due to the many people who have contributed to Cameo’s success. Special thanks to her breeder, Maxine Clark” (whelped 7/30/07)



Cameo

Skylights Repeat Offender (“Pete”) at age 18 months earned for himself and Bruce and Audrey Coleman the first two legs of the Senior Hunter title at the Finger Lakes Retriever Club Trial



Pete



Westbrook's Heart of Bramisole RN (Greenfield) earned the Beginner Novice Title at SOTC Trial in June.

Topflite Skye's Still on Fire (Mickinkle) earned CDX title, SOTC Trial in June and OF Title at the Finger Lakes Afghan Hound Agility Trial, in May.

Rippling Run Torch of Red (Clickner) earned The Junior Hunter Title at the Finger Lakes Retriever Club Hunt Test in July.

Topflite Gone with the Wind (Clark) earned the CDX title at the SOTC Trial in June.

JFTR Adirondac Hocus Pocus WCX (Lantiegne) added JH this spring and took a JAM at the CNY Retriever Club in the Qualifying stake in May.

Adirondac Moonlight Magic Eclipse WCX (Lantiegne) added MH recently.

Lucy in the Sky With Diamonds (Lennox) earned the Beginner Novice Title in July at the Susque-Nango Kennel Club Shows

Blue Ribbon's Vinny the Enforcer UD, MH, WCX, CGC, CCA (Coleman) added the UD title in May at the Albany Obedience Club Trial



REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS OCTOBER 2014 to OCTOBER 2015.

Although the Nominating Committee has completed its work and the proposed slate of officers is shared below, it is important that all voting members know that nominations may also be made from the floor at the September 18th Club meeting.

Nominees from the floor will need to be in attendance or in some manner signal their willingness to serve.

The Nominating Committee was comprised of Sallie Lennox, Lynn Mikinkle and Kelly Mueller.

The slate as proposed by the Nominating Committee is:

President: Carol Allen
Vice President: Kathy McCloskey
Secretary: Lynn Mikinkle
Treasurer: Sallie Lennox

Directors:
Cindy Berry
Maxine Clark
Beth Greenfield
Kelly Mueller
Judi Questel

TROPHY SPONSORSHIP 2015 SPECIALTY – March 28, 2015

PLEASE DESCRIBE EXACTLY HOW YOU'D LIKE THIS TO APPEAR.

YOUR NAME AND IF MEMORY OF.... OR IN HONOR OF..... PLEASE STATE THAT.

The dollar amount in parenthesis is the minimum pledge we are able to request for that particular class. At this time this is only a pledge – money is not requested until well into 2015. Please contact Kelly Mueller, 2015 Trophy Chair, (kidquilter@aol.com) and pledge to cover a class.

1. Best of Breed. (\$50) - PLEDGE RECEIVED
2. Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed (\$40)
3. Best of Winners. (\$30)
4. Winners Dog (\$30) - PLEDGE RECEIVED
5. Winners Bitch (\$30) - PLEDGE RECEIVED
6. Reserve Winner's Dog (\$25) - PLEDGE RECEIVED
7. Reserve Winners Bitch (\$25)
8. Open Dog (\$25)
9. Open Bitch (\$25)
10. American Bred Dog (\$15)
11. American Bred Bitch (\$15)
12. Bred by Exhibitor Dog (\$15)
13. Bred by Exhibitor Bitch (\$15) - PLEDGE RECEIVED
14. Best Puppy (\$25) - PLEDGE RECEIVED
15. 12-18 Month Dog (\$10) - PLEDGE RECEIVED
16. 12-18 Month Bitch (\$10) - PLEDGE RECEIVED
17. 9-12 Month Dog (\$10)
18. 9-12 Month Bitch (\$10)
19. 6-9 Month Dog (\$10) - PLEDGE RECEIVED
20. 6-9 Month Bitch (\$10) - PLEDGE RECEIVED
21. Best Veteran (\$25)
22. Veteran Dog, 8-10 years (\$10)
23. Veteran Bitch, 8-10 Years (\$10) - PLEDGE RECEIVED
24. Veteran Dog, 10 years and older (\$10)
25. Veteran Bitch, 10 years and over (\$10)
26. Amateur Owner/Handler, Dog (\$15)
27. Amateur Owner/Handler, Bitch (\$15)

OBEDIENCE

28. High Scoring Golden Retriever in Trial. (\$50)
29. High Scoring Golden Retriever in Novice A. (\$10) - PLEDGE RECEIVED
30. High Scoring Golden Retriever in Novice B. (\$10) - PLEDGE RECEIVED
31. High Scoring Golden Retriever in Open A. (\$10)
32. High Scoring Golden Retriever in Open B. (\$10)
33. High Scoring Golden Retriever in Utility A. (\$10) - PLEDGE RECEIVED
34. High Scoring Golden Retriever in Utility B. (\$10)

RALLY

35. High Scoring Golden Retriever in Rally Novice A. (\$10) - PLEDGE RECEIVED
36. High Scoring Golden Retriever in Rally Novice B. (\$10)
37. High Scoring Golden Retriever in Rally Advanced A. (\$10)
38. High Scoring Golden Retriever in Rally Advanced B. (\$10)
39. High Scoring Golden Retriever in Rally Excellent A. (\$10)
40. High Scoring Golden Retriever in Rally Excellent B. (\$10)

The Golden Retriever Club of CNY, Inc.

2014 WC & WCX Tests



Held with permission of the Golden Retriever Club of America, under GRCA rules and regulations available on the GRCA website. All dogs entered must be at least six months of age, with individual AKC, ILP or Foreign registration numbers. By special arrangement with the Flat-Coated Retriever Society of America, these tests are open to Flat-Coated Retrievers.

Mallard ducks will be used for both the WC and WCX tests. A winger may be used for water marks.

No bitches in season on the test grounds! Entire entry fee will be refunded upon veterinary verification of a bitch in season or an injured or deceased dog.

Entry Fees, Limits, Closing: WC - \$35 WCX - \$40
Combined total entry limit of 30 dogs for both stakes. If limit is exceeded, preference will be given to Golden Retrievers. Canadian exhibitors must pay with a bank draft in US funds. Personal checks marked "At Par" or US Funds" are not accepted by US banks.

Running order will be drawn at 6:00 PM – Tuesday, Sept. 17th, 2013 at the home of the Test Secretary. After that date, entries will be accepted up to the day of the event at an additional \$10 charge. Late entries will be placed at the end of the running order.

Running order will be sent to you if you enclose a stamped, addressed postcard OR include your Email address on your entry.

Box Lunch - \$7 (Prepay with entry)

We will provide a box lunch for those who order with their entry and prepay \$7 per lunch.

Test Chairs: Maxine Clark

Test Secretary: Kathy McCloskey
406 Bradford Pkwy
Syracuse, NY 13224

Judges: Joe Martin
Marcia Martin

Test Committee: Maxine Clark
Lynn McKinkle
Ray Blaskiewicz
Kathy McCloskey
Sallie Lennox

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Directions: *Echoewood is approximately 1 mile west of the town of Mexico on Route 104. A sign will be posted at the entry to the site. Please call or Email the secretary or chairperson for more detailed directions.*

Official WC/WCX Test Entry Form
Test given by
The Golden Retriever Club of Central New York

Tests offered: (Beginning at 9:00)
WC Test on Sunday, October 5, 2014
WCX Test on Sunday, October 5, 2014
At
Echoewood
Mexico, New York

Entries drawn Tuesday, Sept. 30, 2014
Entry fees: WC \$35, WCX \$40 *(\$10 late fee)
Checks payable to: Golden Retriever Club of CNY

Mail to: Kathy McCloskey, 406 Bradford Pkwy., Syracuse, NY 13224

This entry is for the WC Test Fee \$ _____ enclosed
 This entry is for the WCX Test Fee \$ _____ enclosed

Breed _____ Sex _____

Dog's Registered Name _____

__ AKC Reg. No. _____ Date of Birth _____
__ ILP No. _____
__ Foreign Reg & Country _____ Place of Birth _____
__ Reg. applied for – will submit __ USA __ Canada __ Foreign

Breeder _____

Sire _____

Dam _____

Actual owner(s) _____

Owner's address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

I agree that the dog herein is entered in and will be in the test at my own risk and that I will hold the host club, its members and agents, free from liability for any claims arising out of the entry of the dog or its presence at the test.

Signature _____

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Canine All-Breed Eye Clinic

Conducted by Thomas Kern, DVM
Of Cornell University
Diplomate, ACVO

"Cleared" dogs are eligible for
CERF/OFA-ECR Registration

**Sunday October 19, 2014
10 am - 2 pm**

**Village Veterinary Hospital
Rt. 5 Canastota, New York**

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Sunday, October 19, 2014
10am-2pm
Village Veterinary Hospital
Route 5
Canastota, NY

Our annual clinic will be conducted by Dr. Thomas Kern, DVM (Diplomate, ACVO) of Cornell University. "Cleared" dogs will be eligible for CERF/OFA-ECR registration (but you MUST have your dog's AKC registration number available to be recorded at the exam).

We will do our best to schedule you according to your requested time, but please allow some flexibility, especially if you are bringing multiple dogs. Plan to arrive at least 20 minutes early to allow for the administration of eye drops. **You will be notified ONLY in the event that we can't accommodate your requested appointment time.**

Examination Fees

First Dog - \$35.00 (\$33.00 for GRCCNY Members)
Each Additional Dog \$33.00 (\$31.00 for Members)

Walk-ins welcome!

Please complete attached registration and mail to:

Patti Gambier
GRCCNY Eye Clinic Chairperson
15 Owens Place
Whitesboro, NY 13492

If you have any questions, please call or text 315-794-0355
or email zeropctdown@yahoo.com

2014 Advance Registration

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____ GRCCNY Member? Yes__ No__

Please check your preferred appointment time:

___10am-11am ___11am-Noon ___Noon-1pm ___1pm-2pm

Please list all dogs to be examined and the registration number (please bring the registration number with you if you need CERF/OFA-ECR registration).

Name _____ Reg. No. _____

Name _____ Reg. No. _____

Name _____ Reg. No. _____

Name _____ Reg. No. _____

Use additional sheet if necessary

Fees Enclosed: _____

Make checks payable to:
GRCCNY (Please do not mail cash)



POST OFFICE BOX 3462 * OMAHA, NE 68103 * (615) 462-6768 * WWW.GOLDENRETRIEVERFOUNDATION.ORG

Dear Golden Retriever Breeder,

Congratulations on your new or upcoming litter! As a dedicated breeder, you've worked hard to ensure the best possible future for your puppies, and we know you're already excited about what they may accomplish. Now the Golden Retriever Foundation would like to take this opportunity to tell you how your litter can make a bigger impact on our breed than you may have imagined.

Morris Animal Foundation is conducting the Golden Retriever Lifetime Study that is enrolling 3,000 Goldens between 6 months and 2 years of age in the largest and longest study ever conducted to advance veterinary medicine for dogs. While a study of this magnitude has never been done before in dogs, similar studies in humans, such as the Framingham Heart Study and the Nurses' Health Study, have contributed a wealth of information that is improving and extending lives every day. These observational studies have provided invaluable information about human health, and we are incredibly excited that Morris chose our breed for this groundbreaking study in dogs. By gathering non-invasive samples and observational data over the lifetime of enrolled dogs, researchers hope to identify potentially modifiable risk factors for the development of cancer and other diseases that affect Goldens.

As a breeder, you have a special role to play in the success of this study. Because this study will gather genetic, environmental, and nutritional information, it will be valuable to include multiple puppies from the same genetic lines. Although all enrollees are important to the study, data from littermates that experience different environmental factors and diets during their lifetimes may provide unique scientific insights that could make a significant impact on the long-term health of Golden Retrievers.

We invite you to include a Puppy Buyer Letter

<http://www.grca.org/pdf/health/PuppyBuyerLetter.pdf> and study brochure in all of your puppy packets. Brochures are available from Morris Animal Foundation by calling 855.4GR.DOGS (855.447.3647). In addition, you can email a copy of the Puppy Buyer Letter to previous buyers whose dogs are under 2 years of age to encourage them to enroll their dogs in the study.

Finally, we ask you to consider enrolling your own dogs in the study. Please note that it is important for dogs to remain in the study throughout their lives, even if they change ownership. Therefore, if you decide to place an enrolled dog in the future, we request that you ask the new owner to continue the commitment by keeping their new dog in the study.

The Golden Retriever Club of America and the Golden Retriever Foundation are standing together with Morris Animal Foundation to convey to breeders and owners that this is truly an important opportunity for our breed. The success of the study depends on you, and your help to reach potential participants is sincerely appreciated.

Please visit www.CanineLifetimeHealth.org to register and learn more. Thank you so very much for your passion and dedication to improving the future of the breed we love!

Bev Brown
GRF Publicity Coordinator for the Golden Retriever Lifetime Study

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FOUNDATION**
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