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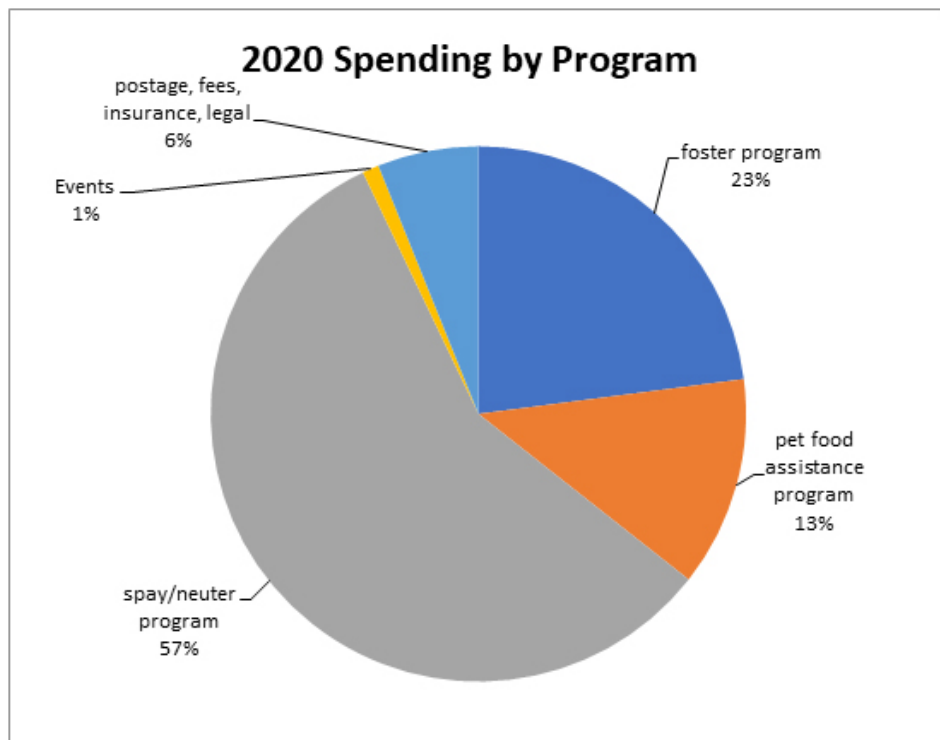
## A Year in Review

What your donations made happen in 2020:

- 163 foster pets placed with new families
- 571 spay/neuter surgeries for pets in low income families
- 338 animals living with 124 families helped with pet food

Our dedicated volunteers use your donations to make a difference to help the animals. Thank you for your support.

*Joann Taylor*  
SOS Animal Rescue President



## SOS EVENTS

### Adoption Events

cancelled until further notice

### Neuter Palooza

cancelled until further notice

### Give Local Midland

May 4

### Rummage Sale

Midland Curling Center  
2009 S. Jefferson Ave., Midland  
tentative depending on  
COVID restrictions  
Drop-Off: May 4-5  
Sale: May 6-7

### Board Meetings

Conference Call  
email [info@sosar.org](mailto:info@sosar.org) for details  
July 15  
November 18  
6:00 PM

### Dirty Dog Trail Run

Midland City Forest  
August 28

Check website  
for COVID-19 & schedule  
updates.

Visit [petfinder.com](https://www.petfinder.com)  
to find pets available  
for adoption.

# THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Lori Ackerman  
 Mary Bain  
 Mike Bartos  
 Susan Berghoff  
 Michele Buckingham  
 Eleanor Butcher  
 Kelly Burke  
 Paul and Lily Cheng  
 Robert Christenson  
 Mona Cline  
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 Kathleen Russell  
 Gary and Barbara Rutherford  
 Madelline Sasse  
 Judith Scheuffele  
 Karen Shirey  
 Dr. Sandra Simmons  
 Avery Sontheimer  
 John Tabor  
 Hitoshi Takahashi  
 Jean Thompson

In memory of Miss Kitty by Diana and  
 Michael Dalton

In thanks to Shelley Park Cluff by the  
 Morrisons

In memory of Emma by Mike and Diana  
 Dalton

## Platinum Sponsors

Morley Portraiture  
 M-20 Animal Hospital  
 Northern Animal Clinic  
 Park Place Homes  
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 PetSmart  
 Precious Cat  
 River Rock Animal Hospital  
 Superior Title and Settlement  
 Surrey Veterinary Clinic  
 Target  
 Tri City Remodeling and  
 Nowak Cabinets of Midland



Thank you to everyone who donated to  
 the care of Sophia and William (above):

Ashley Ostrander  
 Liz Quarm  
 Gabriele Golombeski  
 Steve Grabowski  
 Sally Clarke  
 Carolyn Gottschalk Beiser  
 Beth Harris  
 Daphne Vourlekis  
 Merlin Linux

Thank you for the Giving Tuesday  
 donations:

Katrina Kaye  
 Mike Taylor  
 Christiann Root  
 Gabriele Golombeski  
 Merlin Linux

Thank you to all who donated for Tyler's  
 birthday fund-raiser:

Michell O'deay  
 Jeff O'deay  
 Tyler Schmidt  
 Christina Schmidt

## Gold Sponsors

Highway 107.7 Radio  
 Pet Pals  
 Sunny 97.7 1490 WMPX  
 Vetmed of Midland

## Silver Sponsors

Animal Medical Center  
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 Soldan's Pet Supplies  
 Spherion  
 Wildfire Credit Union

## Bronze Sponsors

Basil Thai Bistro  
 Bone and Bailey Insurance  
 Dog Haven Ranch  
 Eastman Party Store  
 Family Fare  
 Garber Chevrolet  
 The Gourmet Cupcake Shoppe  
 Hugs for Homeless Animals  
 Kroger  
 Lowe's  
 Max's Place  
 Meijer  
 Members First Credit Union  
 Midland Animal Clinic  
 Midland Liquor  
 Midland Physical Therapy  
 Muddy Pups  
 Nature's Gift Organic Market  
 Paula's Pet Sitting  
 Poochie's Pit Stop  
 Quilts for Cages  
 Runners Athletic Company  
 Shine  
 Tractor Supply Company  
 Zach's Dog Groomery

**THANK YOU! THANK YOU!**



Thank you to DeFi Creations for a great fund-raiser. Cute cat necklaces & more!



Thank you to Morley Portraiture for a great fund-raiser. A great combination of gorgeous family portraits with their dogs.



Morley Portraiture



Thank you to everyone who donated to the share tree at Soldan's Pet Supplies.

### Thank You to Our Donation Canister Hosts!

The total raised in 2020 was \$1263.  
If you stop by let them know we appreciate their support.

Auto Technicians  
Bicycle HQ  
Cohoon's Elevator  
Countryside Animal Health Center  
Eastman Animal Hospital  
The Gourmet Cupcake Shoppe  
Howl-A-Day Pet Resort  
Larkin Food Center  
Max's Place  
M-20 Animal Hospital  
Northern Animal Clinic  
Soldan's Pet Supplies  
Wall & Webb Jewelers  
Woodland Pet Resort

If your business would like to host a donation canister, contact us at [info@sosar.org](mailto:info@sosar.org) or 989-492-0042.

**GIVE LOCAL  
MIDLAND**

Give where  
you live!

**Tuesday,  
May 4**

**24 hours  
50 non-profits**



Please support us  
with your Kroger purchases!  
Community Rewards  
Number: HN771

In 2020 Kroger  
donated \$83  
for a total of \$1,676 to date!

**amazon**smile  
You shop. Amazon gives.

Please choose our rescue  
as your charity via Amazon  
Smile and help raise money  
for the animals!

In 2020 Amazon Smile  
donated \$225  
for a total of \$826 to date!





**12<sup>th</sup> Annual**

**Dirty**

**Dog**

**Trail Run**

*The race will be held while following COVID-19 guidelines as required on race day. We are not exactly sure what that looks like this far in advance so please be flexible. More information will be shared as the time gets closer.*

**Saturday, August 28, 2021 • Midland City Forest**  
**10K & 5K Races Start at 9 AM**

**REGISTER AT [ITSYOURRACE.COM](https://itsyourrace.com)**

**REASON FOR THE RACE:** To provide funding to Shelterhouse to ensure victims of domestic violence can provide a safe haven for their pets. SOS Animal Rescue provides funding for animals in need through their foster, pet food, and spay/neuter assistance programs.

### Spay/Neuter Statistics

Thanks to your donations and support, we are able to provide more help each year. If each spay/neuter surgery prevents two litters of unwanted puppies or kittens from being born the program has saved over 40,000 from a life of hunger, cruelty, and disease.

Spay/Neuter	thru 2019	2020	Total
Female Cats	1808	278	2086
Male Cats	1512	213	1725
Female Dogs	638	40	678
Male Dogs	496	40	536
Total	4454	571	5025

### Rummage Sale

Depending on COVID-19 restrictions, we hope to hold a rummage sale this year at the Midland Curling Center, 2009 S. Jefferson Avenue. Check our website and Facebook page for updates as the time gets closer.

#### DROP-OFF

May 4, 1 – 7 PM  
May 5, 12 noon – 7 PM

#### SALE

May 6, 9 AM – 6 PM  
May 7, 9 AM – 12 noon

## Helping Shelterhouse Pets

The following is an excerpt from a letter written by a resident at Shelterhouse.

Lisa (name has been changed) fled her home of 16 years and entered as a resident at Shelterhouse, a domestic and sexual violence agency. She left with only a bag of her belongings and her beloved pet. Lisa recently expressed when she was first in shelter, she felt all alone and many days felt “so depressed that she couldn’t get out of bed” but she shared her cat refused “to let her do that! He pushes me to get up! To play, to feed him, to just bite my toes.” She goes on to say she now feels stronger and can see a future with the help of people “who care enough about me when I find it impossible to care about myself.”

Statistics cited by the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence state “71 percent of pet owners entering domestic violence shelters report that their batterer had threatened, injured, or killed family pets.” The generosity of SOS Animal Rescue makes it possible for Shelterhouse to house both survivors and their pets which promotes healing and enhances the well-being of pets.



### Barn Cats

We have cats looking for barn homes. They are fixed with rabies vaccines, dewormed, and flea treated. If you have a need for a barn cat, contact us at [info@sosar.org](mailto:info@sosar.org). All that we ask is they be provided with food, water, and shelter in exchange for mouse control. Thank you to all those who are able to give barn homes to these shy cats.



### “Free Kittens”

Now is the time females are getting pregnant. Babies will arrive starting in early April then the free kittens signs start showing up. Help us stop the cycle. If you know anyone who needs help getting mom fixed, let us know.



# YOUR DONATIONS HELP THESE ANIMALS RECEIVE MEDICAL CARE

Fluffy - upper respiratory infection

Jeeves - eye and ear infections

Petunia - fecal incontinence

Sigmund - eye removal

William - upper respiratory infection and heart murmur

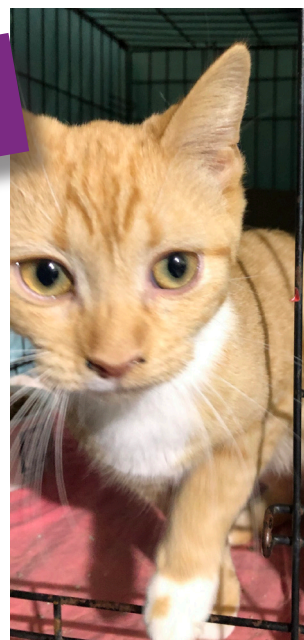
Wixom - upper respiratory infection and diarrhea



William



Jeeves



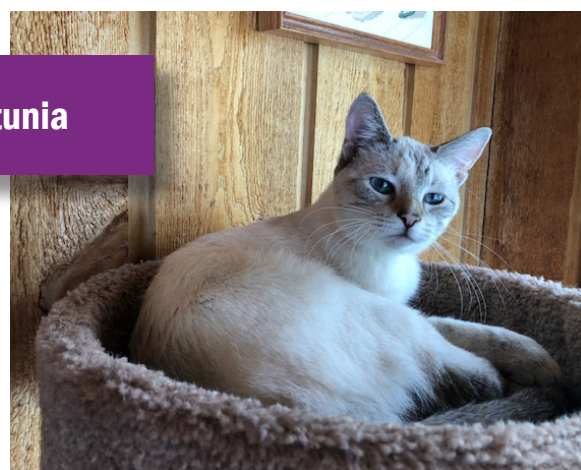
Wixom



Sigmund



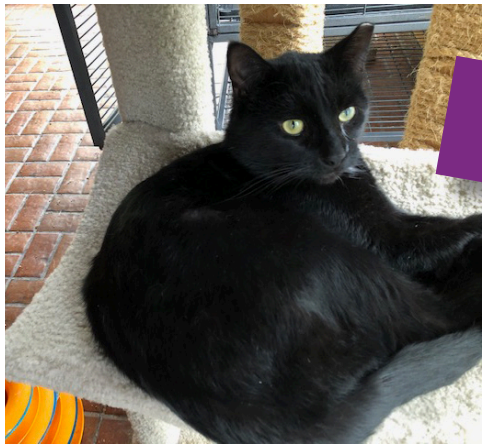
Fluffy



Petunia



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Tolly

Peanut - upper respiratory infection  
Tolly - food allergies  
Conman - upper respiratory infection  
Wayland - ear infection  
Gandalf - FIV+

Wayland



Conman



Gandalf



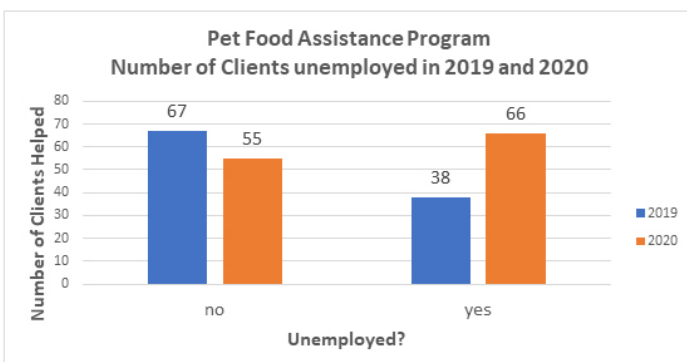
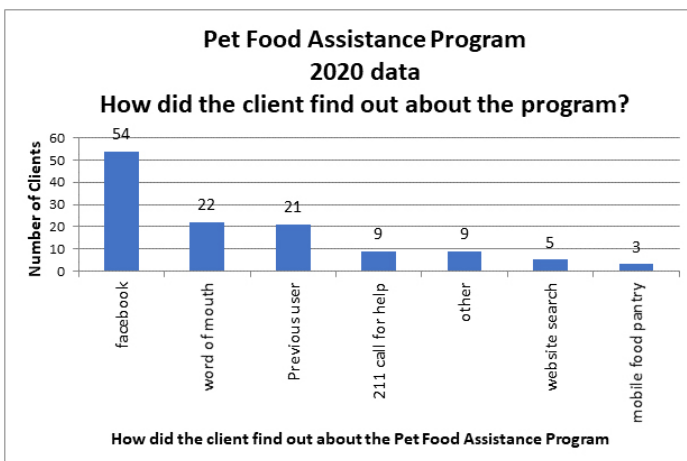
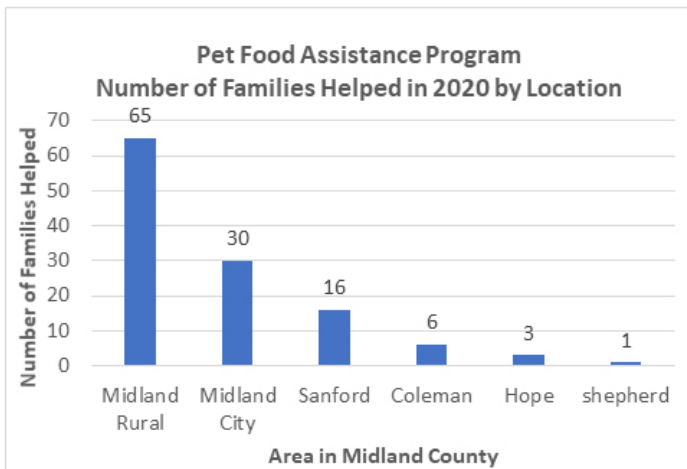
Peanut



# Pet Food Assistance Program

	Thru 2019	2020	Total
Families Helped	961	124	1085
Dogs	1074	152	1226
Cats	1786	185	1971
Other animals	22	1	23
Pounds Dog Food Delivered	35,376	3645	39,021
Pounds Cat Food Delivered	19,501	1465	20,966
Flea Products – Families Helped	78	0	78

## Pet Food Assistance Charts



## SOS Announces Milestone

SOS Animal Rescue's spay/neuter assistance program recently assisted with its 5000th spay/neuter surgery. The program helps low-income residents in Midland County pay for the costs of spaying and neutering dogs and cats.

"This is a positive milestone in our efforts to help control the animal population. Spaying and neutering is just as important as rescue and adoption, if not more, because we're preventing a lot of these animals from going into shelters and rescues," said president Joann Taylor.

"The 5000 surgeries have prevented thousands of unwanted cats and dogs from being born into abuse, neglect, and a life of misery," Taylor said. "In addition, the animals lead healthier lives after surgery and the community benefits by having significantly fewer homeless animals roaming the streets. There are not enough homes for them all so no birth is the first step to a no kill community."

To date SOS Animal Rescue has provided over \$275,000 of assistance to low-income families to get their pets fixed. Assistance is also provided for feral or community cats. The program is funded by generous donations from the community and the tireless fundraising efforts of this all volunteer organization.

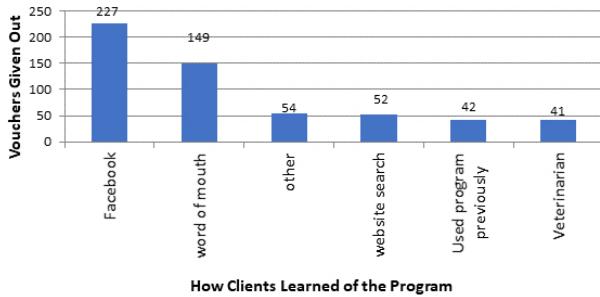
"Spay/neuter is good for you, your pet, and the community," said Taylor. "Not only will you avoid the mess and frustration of heat cycles, but also the cost and hassle of an unwanted litter. Surgical sterilization will help your pet avoid certain health risks and eliminate some nuisance behaviors."

To participate, individuals must submit an application. Once their eligibility has been verified, the applicant will receive a voucher to present to a local veterinarian that will cover a portion or all of the spay/neuter surgical cost. This program represents a great working partnership between local veterinarians and pet owners. We appreciate the efforts local veterinarians have made to participate in our spay/neuter assistance program. For an application, visit our website or call 989-492-0042.

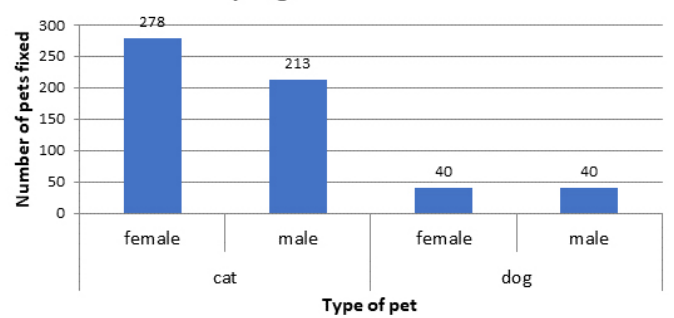


## Spay/Neuter Charts

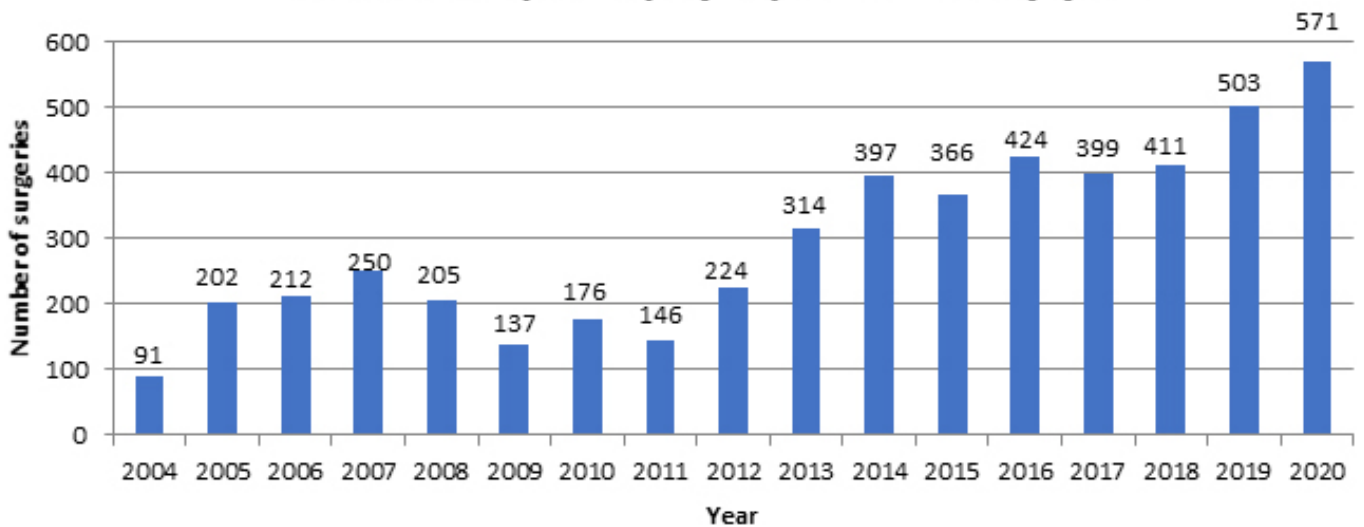
**How clients learned about our spay/neuter program in 2020**



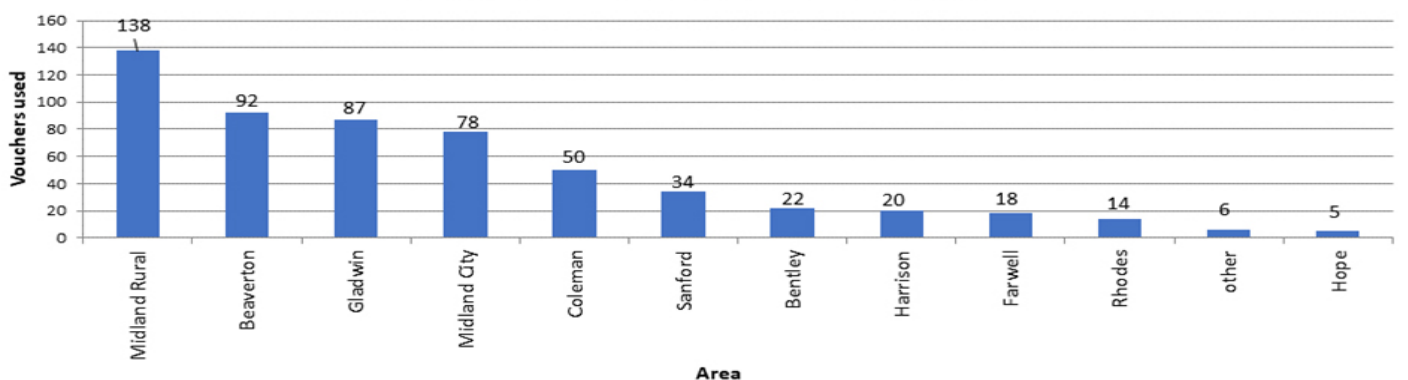
**Pets fixed by Spay/neuter assistance program in 2020**



**Number of pets spayed/neutered by year**



**Number of Vouchers used by Area in 2020**



We had some funding provided to help in Gladwin and Clare Counties in 2020.  
This was a special grant that is not expected to be available in 2021



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#### Officers

Joann Taylor, President  
Shelley Park, Vice President  
Karla Oldenburg, Treasurer

#### Mission Statement

SOS Animal Rescue is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization whose mission is to reduce the number of unwanted pets in the Midland area through placement, public education, spay/neuter assistance programs, and support for the efforts of local animal welfare groups.

#### Directors

Isabella Jansen

#### Newsletter Editor

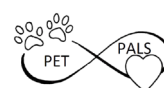
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