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RESQ NEWSLETTER

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Monthly Newsletter

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RESQ Charitable Trust



RESQ's Wildlife Detection Team! Meet our RESQ Wildlife Detection Dog Squad, the frontline team tackling human-wildlife conflict, poaching, and trafficking. This skilled team includes the ready-to-roll Belgian Malinois (Khandu and Baji), and under-training, Weimaraners (Cody, Cara and Chloe), and a street-rescued prodigy from Pune (Bush), all leveraging unmatched scent detection abilities to combat wildlife crimes. These canines are adapting to multiple handlers and are preparing to be deployed in field situations where they are needed most.

Statistics June '24



2,034 Helpline
Calls Received



🚫 Rescue, rehabilitate animals, reach people.

Ambulances
Travelled **45,103** kms



PUNE
39,969 Kms

NASHIK
5,194 Kms

394 Wildlife currently admitted
under veterinary treatment &
rehabilitation care in Pune TTC & Nashik centre.



Awareness sessions, education programs
& training conducted for **1,370** individuals.



1,030 Community (large animals)
provided support to viz. animal feed and vaccines.



1,173
Wildlife
provided aid to

Pune
Units +
TTC

Nashik
Division



Wildlife 1,099 74




Birds 771 44



Mammals 138 13



Reptiles 190 17

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Updates

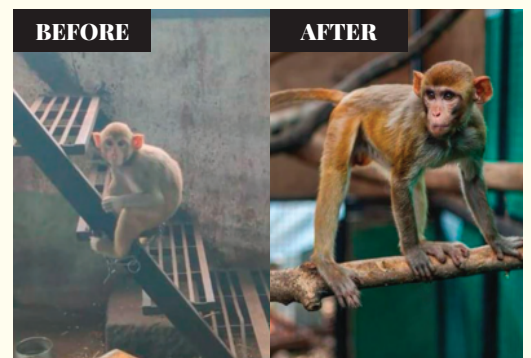
RESQ team on field

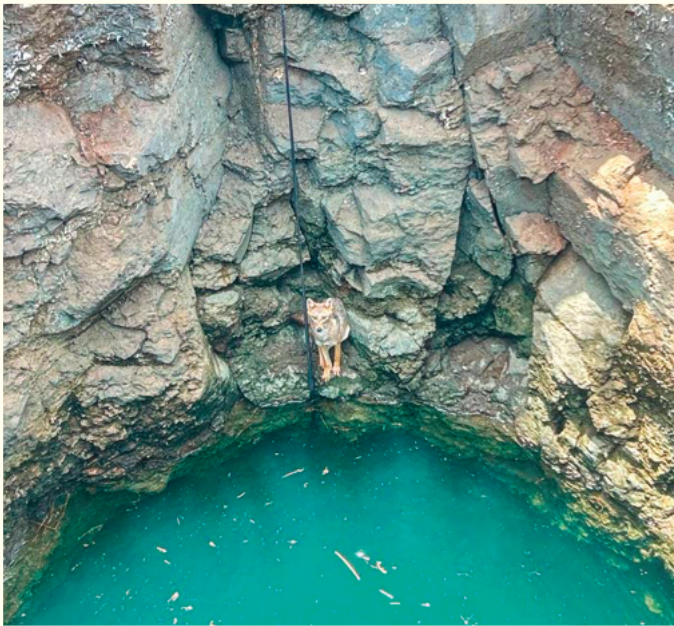
Jackals unleashed! Eight jackals were released this month after being admitted to the RESQ Centre as orphans from various situations. Our rehabilitation team hand-raised them initially to transition them to being independent. After achieving all their rehabilitation milestones, they were released into suitable habitats in packs as they came. Every successful release into the wild brings immense gratification to our team, who invests a significant amount of hard work to ensure successful rehabilitation and reintroduction.



Pangolin off-path! An adult female Indian pangolin was found roaming in a factory premises in Pune. Captured safely and brought to the RESQ Centre, she appeared to be in good health but needed to be observed for medical or feeding problems prior to release. We checked her bloodwork for infections (clear!), observed her feeding on anthills for 2 days, and once our team of vets and rehabbers were confident she was ready, we liaised with the Pune forest department and released her into a safe, wild habitat where she instantly scampered off!

Say NO to illegal pet trade! This month, in a wildlife rescue operation in Pune, the ongoing threat to India's wildlife from the illegal pet trade was brought into sharp focus. A common hill myna, a chained rhesus macaque, and two Alexandrine parakeets were rescued, all showing severe physical and psychological trauma from prolonged captivity of the illegal pet market. Thanks to information from PETA and the coordinated efforts of Honorary Wildlife Warden Aditya Paranjape and the Pune Forest Department, these animals are now being rehabilitated at the RESQ Centre. This incident underscores the devastating impact of the illegal wildlife pet trade.





All 'well' with this jackal! An adult Indian jackal reported to have fallen in a well in Shrigonda was swiftly rescued by our team. After a quick medical assessment when the jackal appeared healthy, it was released back to a safe habitat nearby.

Python's road to a release! An Indian rock python was discovered in a densely populated, high human footfall area of Pune city and rescued by local snake rescuers, who then alerted our team about it. It was briefly admitted to the RESQ Centre to check for any diseases or injuries. After a detailed examination and mobility check, the RESQ vets deemed it fit for release - it was promptly released into a suitable habitat close to its capture location.



Eyes on the prize for this monitor lizard! A monitor lizard was rescued and admitted to the RESQ Centre for its injuries. Medical assessment revealed a severely injured eye, compromised vision in the other eye, and dehydration causing lethargy. Initial stabilization has improved its movement and responses, but the eye treatment will take some time. We hope to restore its vision so it can eventually return to its natural habitat.

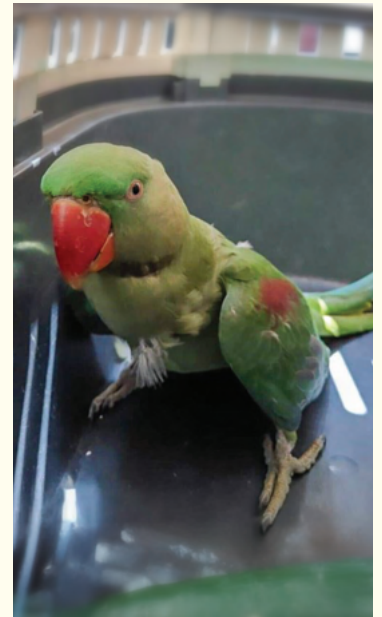


Navigation gone wrong for this kingfisher! A white-throated kingfisher accidentally entered a house in Pune and couldn't find its way out. The RESQ Team assessed the bird and found no medical issues; it simply needed a safe passage and a bit of encouragement to fly away. The bird was simply captured with minimal stress and promptly released, as it was in perfect health.

Houseguest heron! In a similar situation, a pond heron entered a house near Pune and simply wouldn't leave. Often animals freeze up when they find themselves in a stressful situation and unable to navigate themselves out. The RESQ Team safely rescued the bird and immediately released it in a nearby safe location!



Aerial ordeal for this parakeet! For two days, a parakeet clung desperately to an internet cable almost 2 km long, suspended at the height of a 15-story building. Entangled in a bunch of manja, the bird's wings and neck were trapped. The rescue operation was a complex one.. One side of the cable was gradually freed up, and when it finally lowered to the corner of a building, a telescopic pole was used to pull it down. Despite the high tension of the cable, the parakeet was safely rescued, thanks to the efforts of the residents from two societies who rallied together. The wires were a tangled maze, making it a challenge to identify the correct cable and the buildings it connected, especially since the parakeet was only visible from specific angles below. This intricate rescue highlights the community's determination and vigilance.



Parakeets reclaiming the sky! 39 parakeets have been successfully reintroduced to their natural habitat following treatment and rehabilitation at the RESQ Centre. Among them, 33 were part of a large group of birds admitted to RESQ last month after a massive tree collapsed during stormy rains. The remaining 6 birds were recovering from other conditions. The sight of these birds reclaiming their place in the sky brings unparalleled joy.

Myna hanging by a thread! A myna tangled in nylon manja that was precariously clinging to a high branch was rescued by the RESQ team. Despite our efforts, the bird succumbed to its injuries. We cleared the remaining manja from the tree to prevent future incidents. This tragic event highlights the deadly impact of nylon manja on birds, often called "strings of doom." Even if you avoid using nylon manja, it's crucial to stay vigilant. Check trees and other surfaces for any leftover manja and remove it. Your proactive efforts can save lives. Remember, prevention is better than regret.



Volunteer Support from Worldwide Vets!



We are delighted to share the remarkable contributions of Bailey Romi, a Registered Veterinary Technologist (BAS) and the Clinical Veterinary Volunteer Coordinator for Worldwide Vets, who recently spent 3 weeks volunteering with us at RESQ CT. During her visit she assisted our veterinarians and field team wherein her extensive background in veterinary technology and her adeptness in handling and treatment proved to be a tremendous asset to our team. Our time together was marked by a significant exchange of knowledge and experience, fostering a productive and enriching environment. We value the importance of global cooperation in advancing wildlife veterinary care and eagerly anticipate more such collaborations in the future!

At the RESQ Centre

Leo cub leaps towards recovery!
 A leopard cub, critically injured in a vehicle collision near Nashik, was rescued by the Forest Department and admitted to the RESQ Nashik TTC. A thorough medical assessment revealed a fracture and head trauma causing compromised vision. Currently under observation and treatment, the cub has been shifted to RESQ Centre in Pune for further rehabilitation.



Bitten and beat. An adult female hyena, gravely injured near Satara, was rescued by the Forest Department and admitted to the RESQ Centre. She had been attacked by a pack of dogs, leaving her with multiple bite marks, and was closely observed in quarantine due to signs of



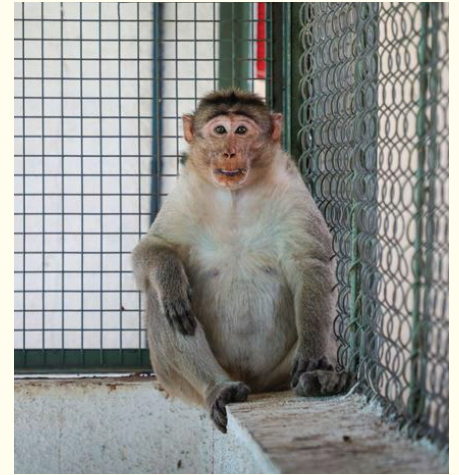
rabies. Sadly, the hyena succumbed the day after her admission, and her brain sample tested positive for rabies. This incident highlights the serious risk posed to wildlife by interactions with unvaccinated free-ranging animals.



Jackals in jeopardy! Two jackals, a sub-adult jackal and an adult, injured in a vehicle collision, in two different incidents were admitted to the RESQ Centre after being timely rescued by the Forest Department. They both had suffered a few superficial wounds, and some severe wounds necessitating medical attention. While one has sadly succumbed to its injuries, the other one is responding well to the treatment.

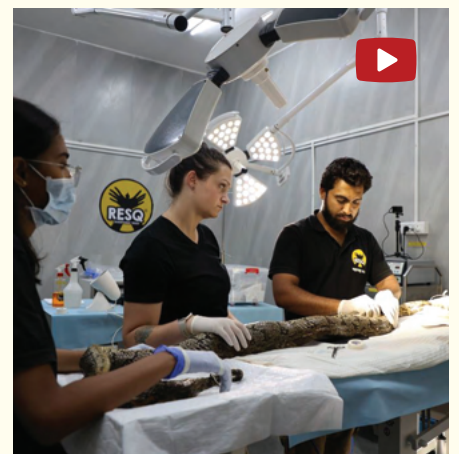


Macaque makeover! A severely obese adult bonnet macaque was recently brought to the RESQ Centre after being discovered near a temple in a semi-residential area of Pune. The initial medical assessment revealed no health issues or injuries apart from its obesity, which required attention. Currently, the macaque is



undergoing a rehabilitation program that includes a strict diet and medication to improve its metabolism. Since starting this regimen, the macaque has shown signs of improvement, becoming more active in its enclosure and exhibiting more typical monkey behavior, such as moving around and using the branches to sit up. We are optimistic that this rehabilitation plan will successfully restore its natural behavior, enabling us to release it back into its natural habitat soon.

Python drops a towel! An Indian rock python was found in a recumbent state near a farm in Pimpri, Pune, unable to move. It was admitted to the RESQ Centre, where an x-ray revealed a large object inside its stomach. The veterinarians debated



whether the object was plastic or cloth, but the python needed to be stabilized and given fluids before any surgery could be performed. After a couple of days, the python underwent surgery, and a full-size towel was removed from its stomach. It never ceases to baffle us what animals accidentally end up ingesting.



Cobra's tale of ssssurvival! An Indian spectacled cobra, rescued by locals after being found with a severe wound on its lower body, is now receiving treatment at the RESQ Centre. Although the cause of the injury remains unknown, we are hopeful for a slow but steady recovery.



Indian roofed turtle under the right roof! A vigilant citizen spotted an Indian roofed turtle on the roadside and immediately recognized that it was not in its natural habitat. He brought the turtle to the RESQ Centre, where



an assessment revealed that the sub-adult turtle was in significant distress. The journey to its release will involve meticulous and lengthy rehabilitation, but we are hopeful that it will eventually reclaim its rightful place in nature.

Turtle trauma! An Indian flapshell turtle has been brought to the RESQ Centre in a distressed state, having been discovered abandoned near a residential society gate in Pune. The turtle's shell is severely damaged signifying severe trauma and reflecting the pain it must be enduring. Every effort is being made to stabilize the turtle and reduce its suffering.



Hope for these hornbills!

Tied up no more! This grey hornbill has been admitted to the RESQ Centre with severe manja injuries. It was found in a gravely injured state in Satara. At the RESQ Centre, it is receiving treatment and stabilization for

the same. We're hopeful it'll make a full recovery and eventually return to the wild.



Orphaned but not alone! Two juvenile grey hornbills were found in different locations in Pune after being displaced from their nests and injured in the fall.



Both are now under orphan care and receiving treatment. We hope they will recover, gain strength, and return to the wild once they reach their ideal weight.

Mottled wood's healing hoot! A subadult mottled wood owl is receiving treatment at the RESQ Centre after being found lying unable to fly, due to a severe wing injury. The ultimate goal is to rehabilitate it and release it back into the skies soon.



Flamingo's fight to flight! Two greater flamingos were reported in a recumbent state near Nashik and admitted to the RESQ Nashik Centre after being rescued by the Forest Department. While both were injured and dull, one of them had a severe bone injury leading to its death shortly.



However the other one is responding well to the treatment and we're hoping for its full recovery.

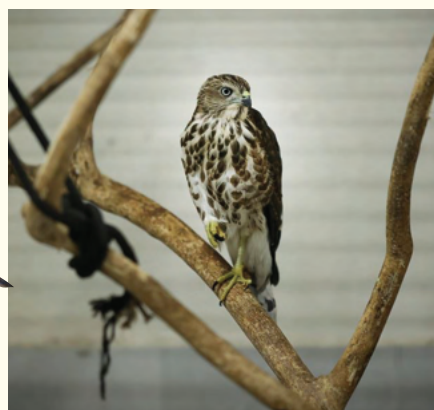
Stormy ordeal for these herons! Two sub-adult pond herons are receiving orphan care at the RESQ Wildlife nursery after being dislodged from their nest due to stormy rains near Pune. While it's never easy for them to survive without their mothers,



we are dedicated to raising them to be wild and to eventually return them to their natural habitats.

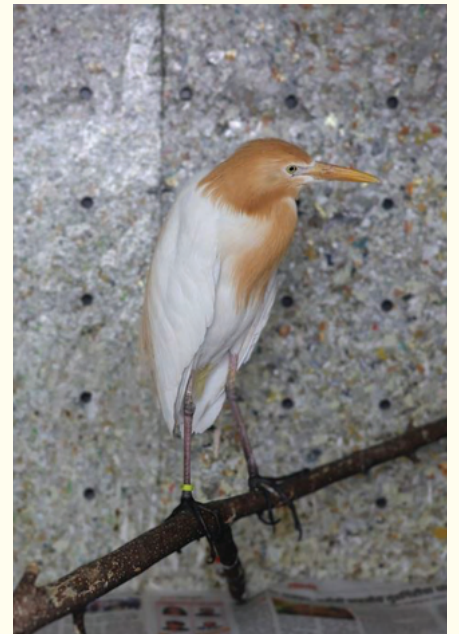


Ailing aviators: shikras under care! Two shikras have been admitted to the RESQ Centre after being found lying on the road, unable to fly. One was under an attack by crows and the other one seemed to have fallen



off a height. Both require some time for strengthening and stabilization followed by rehabilitation before they can be returned to their respective habitats.

Egret-ful encounter! A cattle egret is under care at the RESQ Centre after being found injured near Pune. A medical assessment revealed trauma injuries on its chest and abdomen, requiring treatment and care.



Parrot-troopers out of the house! Two adult Alexandrine parakeets were rescued from illegal captivity by the Forest Department and sent to the RESQ Centre for rehabilitation. The journey ahead for these parakeets is challenging, as they are extremely comfortable



around humans, which poses a risk to their safety upon release. However, we are hopeful that with meticulous rehabilitation, we can return these parakeets to their natural habitat where they belong.

From captivity to freedom, wild once more!

Several animals recently seized from illegal captivity near Kolhapur have been admitted to the RESQ Centre for meticulous rehabilitation and recovery.

Hooting for this owl's comeback! A sub-adult mottled wood owl is currently under observation at the RESQ Centre after being rescued from illegal



captivity by the Forest Department. Misguided empathy towards animals can often cause more harm than people realize. This owl will have to undergo meticulous rehabilitation and treatment for its missing tail feathers before it can be released.

Shell-ebating new beginnings for this star! An Indian star tortoise has been admitted to the RESQ Centre for an extensive and careful rehabilitation after being rescued from illegal captivity near Kolhapur.



Although the rehabilitation process for chelonians is lengthy, the joy of seeing them reintegrate into their natural habitat is priceless.

Soar again, shikra! A shikra, also rescued from illegal captivity, is undergoing rehabilitation at the RESQ Centre with the ultimate goal of seeing it soar back to its rightful place in the skies!



Eagle-ly awaiting to soar to the skies! Discovered in a weakened and recumbent state near Pune, this white-bellied sea eagle has been admitted for treatment. It



shows clear signs of fungal infection and dehydration, which are currently being addressed. We are hopeful for a full recovery and look forward to seeing it soar once more, its distinctive goose-like honking marking its presence in the sky.

Nesting hope for this hornbill! A juvenile Indian grey hornbill is under observation after it was found displaced from its nest near Pune. While the bird is otherwise healthy, it'll need to

remain under care until it gains strength in its muscles to hop back into tall canopies.



Hyena's fatal encounter! A subadult striped hyena was found injured on the side of the road near Nashik, likely the victim of a vehicle collision. After being rescued by the Forest Department, it was taken to the RESQ Centre in Nashik for treatment and rehabilitation.



Sadly, the hyena did not survive. This tragic incident highlights the dangers that development poses to our wildlife, creating hazardous situations as their habitats are encroached upon.

Wings of sorrow for this eagle owl! An eagle owl, rescued near Saswad by the Pune Forest Department after getting trapped in barbed wire, was brought to the RESQ centre with the wire still around its wing. Our veterinarians successfully removed the wire and stabilized



the bird, but unfortunately, it succumbed to the injuries shortly thereafter. While it saddens us to witness its passing, we take comfort in knowing it was free from pain in its final moments.



Kingfisher feathered in oil! A white-throated kingfisher was found in an oil tank in a bustling area of Pune, completely soaked in oil and in urgent need of medical attention. Upon arriving at the RESQ Centre, a detailed

assessment revealed oil residue inside its mouth and covering its beak. The bird underwent



thorough cleansing, but sadly died due to the oil it had ingested. While we couldn't save it, we at least find solace in the fact that it was comfortable and pain free in its final moments instead of facing its fate alone in that oil tank..

Community Outreach & Education

Human-leopard conflict mitigation! This month, three sessions were held to address potential negative human-leopard interactions in areas where such encounters are likely. These sessions focused on raising awareness and sensitizing communities to the presence of leopards, promoting peaceful coexistence that benefits both the leopards and the local communities.

Leopard Awareness!

Thane: A session was conducted on this topic for a group of senior citizen trekkers in Thane by RESQ Team member Nachiket Utpat!



Gangapur, Nashik:

session conducted by RESQ Team member Vaibhav Bhogale for 30 individuals.



Vidani, Phaltan, Satara:

session conducted by RESQ team Nachiket Awadhani, Shreyas Kamble, Rushi More and volunteers Abhilash Bansode, Bhakti Swami for 45 local community members.



Snake bite management! Nashik: A session was conducted on this topic by RESQ Team member Vaibhav Bhogale at the Bhonsala Military School for 85 adults and students.



Rescuing endangered species – strategies & challenges: an online session conducted by RESQ Team member Nachiket Utpat for 53 employees of Fujitsu Consulting.



'AWARE India': this month 3 AWARE India sessions were conducted. AWARE India is RESQ's educational program for school going children that empowers them to make better decisions as individuals and understand the true meaning of peaceful coexistence with animals.

Mumbai: RESQ team members, Sonia Gandhi Limaye and Manasi Warde, conducted three sessions of the module 'I am Responsible' at the Vissanji Academy, engaging a total of 950 students from grades 1 to 10.



Capacity Building & Training

RESQ Wildlife TTC Pune: 80 forest guards undergoing training at the Forest Guard Training Institute, Shahapur visited our centre to better understand wildlife rescue and rehabilitation processes at a Transit Treatment Centre.



SJ Contracts Vrukshathon 2024: A Resounding Success

On the 9th of June, over 3000 participants joined the SJ Contracts Vrukshathon 2024, uniting for fitness and environmental conservation. Organised by the Pune Forest Department, Fitness First, and RESQ Charitable Trust, the event featured races including

21 km Eco-Endurance Run, 10 km and 5 km runs to a 3 km fun walk for all ages. Each participant received an indigenous tree sapling, supporting the event's green mission. Saplings could be planted at home or donated to the new 5-acre Vrukshathon Garden in Pune, emphasising our commitment to biodiversity. Vijay Gaikwad from Fitness First, Shri. N. R. Praveen IFS, Suhas Jangle from SJ Contracts, and Neha Panchamiya from RESQ CT highlighted the importance of green spaces and community health. This event not only celebrated fitness but also promoted environmental stewardship. Together, we are creating a healthier, greener Pune!



World Environment Day: A celebration of conservation excellence!

On the occasion of World Environment Day on June 5th and the birthday of Hon. Shri. Chandrakant Patil (MLA) on June 10th, 2024, a special event was organized by the Maharashtra Forest Department, Nature Walk Charitable Trust, and Creative Foundation on June 7th at the Van Bhavan, Pune.

The event featured a felicitation ceremony that honored 10 distinguished individuals for their significant contributions to environmental conservation. We are proud to announce that three members of the RESQ team Tuhin Satarkar, Nachiket Utpat, and Dr. Nikita Mehta were honored among these ten outstanding individuals for their exceptional work in wildlife conservation.



Features & Articles



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SHRAVAN SATEGAOKAR

Performing at their maximum potential, lauded for their dedication, innovation and hardwork, Shравan Sategaokar is our star RESQ employee of the month. Shравan, a fairly new addition to our team of rehabbers, has rapidly picked up the beat of the organization. Working in tandem with the rest of the team, Shравan has stood out for his dedication, eagerness to take on new and additional challenges and seeing all his tasks through with maximum diligence. He has become an integral part of the team due to his dedication, patience and maturity.

Thank you for being a RESQ Supporter!

If we share the same vision, there's so much we can do together. The RESQ team continues its work for animals with purpose and passion only because of your generous contributions and support - today, and everyday.

"We are happy to share our Annual Report 2022-2023 which captures the work and activities done by the RESQ team during the last financial year. On behalf of all the team members of RESQ and its board of trustees, I express our deepest gratitude to our donors, supporters, partners and well-wishers for supporting our mission to rescue and rehabilitate animals, and to reach people in our endeavors to protect animals and their habitats. You can become a RESQ supporter and join us in working towards a shared vision of conservation and coexistence between wildlife, communities, and their animals. Becoming a member is easy, click on this link. Your annual contribution and belief in our vision helps us to provide medical treatment and care to thousands of animals every single year. Thank you!"

- Neha Panchamiya (Founder & President, RESQ CT)



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