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Shelter, Protect, Educate

3M Provides Grant to BRHS on Behalf of 3M Volunteers

Submitted by: Denise Hovland

In recognition of David K Kaminski & Arlo G Morris commitment to the community and for their outstanding service, the 3M Foundation has donated \$400 to the Brookings Regional Humane Society on their behalf as part of the 3M GIVES (Grants Initiated by Volunteer Service) Program.



David K Kaminski & Arlo G Morris have donated more than 25 hours to improving life in our community. As volunteers, they have been active foster homes for the Brookings Regional Humane Society. Without their help and assistance we could not exist.

“Volunteerism is 3M’s greatest contribution to our communities,” said Fred Harris, vice-president, 3M Foundation. “Our employees and retirees donate thousands of hours to making their communities better places to live. 3M is pleased

to recognize their efforts. 3M GIVES enables our employees and retirees to make a greater impact on their communities.”

As part of the 3M GIVES program, the 3M Foundation will donate \$200 to eligible non-profit organizations for which 3M employee or retiree volunteers 25 hours or more per calendar year. All U.S. based employees and retirees are eligible. For more information on this program please contact Anne Mazurowski, 3M Community Affairs, at 651-733-1421.

Members Needed for the Year 2003 Board of Directors

Submitted by: Richard Johnston

At the upcoming Annual Meeting of the Brookings Regional Humane Society, an election will be held to select three members of

1st Annual Victorian Dinner at Cafe Ruby Submitted by: Kim McCollough

On Thursday, December 5th, the Brookings Regional Humane Society had its 1st Annual Victorian Dinner at Cafe Ruby. The dinner menu included: wassail, Waldorf salad, beef Wellington, roasted baby carrots, and bread pudding served with a delicious butterscoth sauce and Chantilly cream. Thank you to Debbie and all her staff at Cafe Ruby for all their hard work. It was wonderful!

There were 49 tickets sold and \$135 in donations were collected from people who were unable to attend. BRHS would like to thank all of you who came to the dinner and gave donations. Your generous financial support is helping save the lives of the companion animals in this community! Hope to see you all again next year.



Victorian Dinner at Cafe Ruby



Thank you Cafe Ruby’s staff!

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Group Finds Homes for Animals

Pet Pals for Life holds education, adoption as goals
Reprinted from the Argus
Leader by Gloria Bauske.

Four women in the Sioux Falls area have started an animal-adoption group to help find homes for pets whose owners can no longer care for them.



And Pet Pals For Life allows people who have cared for an animal to assist in that process. Since March, Sharon Rae, Sandy Christians, Sue Battista and Susan Antonitis have operated the nonprofit organization.

The women estimate they've helped dozens of animals, and such groups as the Sioux Falls Humane Society say Pet Pals for Life is a welcome addition to the community.

"Anything anyone can do to help find pets a home is a good thing," said Sandy Krom, marketing director for the Sioux Falls Humane Society.

The four friends said the endeavor was a calling they couldn't ignore.

"We realized we had such a love and interest in animals," Rae said. "We have a real compassion for and feel an urgent need to help pets in need."

The group originally aimed to raise community awareness of the many adoptable but homeless pets at the local humane society.

The focus soon turned to adopting pets from other shelters and private homes.

An adoption center was established at Heart of the Vine Coffee & Tea on 41st Street in Sioux Falls, where photos of pets available for adoption and information about the humane society and other adoption and rescue shelters are displayed along with adoption success stories.

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Could Your Precious Pup Dog Your Happiness?

People are going DOG wild these days. Among New Yorkers in particular, pup adoptions are up since September 11th. No wonder: studies show that canines can ease anxiety. But our furry friends can also *cause* stress, especially when they're young. (Half of dogs given up are between 5 and 36 months old.) Dog trainer, Jodi Andersen, author of *The Latchkey Dog* (HarperCollins), recommends the BONE method. Try it and you'll end up with the best-behaved mutt on the block.

B is for Boundaries Unless you want Spot jumping on everyone, don't make the leap-and-greet part of your homecoming routine. If bad behavior doesn't fly with you, he's not likely to try it on others.

O is for Obedience Don't want your Manolos (shoes) mangled? Toss a pup toy or two on the floor along with a stiletto. If he goes for the shoe, say, "Leave it!" Praise him when he picks a toy. He'll learn what's off-limits.

N is for being Needed Give your pup a task: heeding you. Hold some cheese for him to sniff while you say "Come" and massage his ear. Drop the food and say, "Good come!" After several days, when you say "Come" (food or not), he'll be by your side in seconds.

E is for Exercisen Be sure to take Fido for plenty of walks. A tired dog is well-behaved ... and the bonus is, *you* get a workout

Remember: 40% of people who give up their dogs to shelters—do so because of bad behavior (the worst culprit is biting).

Adoption/Foster Committee Sets Date

Submitted by: Jeff Maras

The Adoption/Foster Committee Meeting has scheduled its next meeting. It will be held on January 22, 2003, 6:30 p.m. at the Elk's Club, President's Room. The Committee welcomes new

energetic members and volunteers to provide their talents with the BRHS's Adoption and Foster Programs.

We encourage you to bring a friend. A good time will be had by all!



Stories Needed

Please mail your stories to:
BRHS - Newsletter Article
PO Box 268, Brookings, SD 57006
or email them to: brhs@itctel.com
Subject: Newsletter article



"Shopper Enablers" Wal-Mart Fundraiser

Submitted by: Jeff Maras

When the holiday season officially began the BRHS was on hand. When called upon we did not falter — turkey fill stomachs, the cooler weather, and being up before the birds did not stump our helpers. Yes, we were there to support those early sale seekers and enable them in their holiday searches. We were there with coffee, hot cider, scrumptious doughnuts, and best of all bright morning smiles. When Wal-Mart doors finally opened the BRHS watched the rush of shoppers with their warm filled stomachs — realizing we were holiday shopper enablers. The BRHS would like to thank its co-enablers, Wal-Mart, and those bright morning shoppers for making their first holiday purchase a charitable one. Thank You! Have a Happy Holiday and New Year from the BRHS Shopper Enabler Team!

Spay Day USA

Spay Day USA is coming up on February 25, 2003. Please contact your local veterinarian to find out if any special events are being planned. Take responsibility and spay or neuter just one animal! For more information please visit the website. www.ddaf.org/SpayDay



Help Stop Pet Overpopulation

1. Spay/Neuter all personal pets
2. Sponsor the surgery for a friend or neighbor
3. Donate money to a humane society or shelter to alter one pet
4. Spay/Neuter one feral cat, or even two!
5. Put Spay/Neuter postage stamps on all your mail
6. Spread the word and educate people



Spay/Neuter Facts and Health Benefits Spaying (Ovariohysterectomy)



Under anesthesia, both of the ovaries and the uterus are removed.

The animal generally spends one night at the vet's.

1. No more messy heat cycles
2. No unwanted pregnancies and babies
3. Reduced risk of mammary tumors



Neutering (Castration)

Under anesthesia, both testicles are removed. Most animals go home the very same day.

1. No risk of testicular or prostate cancer
2. Significant reduction of urine marking
3. Drastically lowers the incidence of roaming and fighting

4. No risk of uterine or ovarian cancer



Pet Overpopulation by the Numbers

For every human born, 7 puppies and kittens are born

1 female cat and her offspring can produce 420,000 in 7 years



1 female dog and her offspring can produce 67,000 in 6 years

80% of all dogs will have more than one home in it's lifetime

An estimated 6-8 million dogs and cats are euthanized yearly in the US alone

30-40% of dogs that are euthanized in shelters are purebreds



Pets on Parade with the SDSU Pre-Vet Club

Submitted by: Jeff Maras

To the support of the BRHS again comes the SDSU Pre-Vet club. This time they through a parade – Yes a parade! During the October 5, 2002 Hobo Day parade the SDSU Pre-Vet Club designed a float that incorporated the theme, “OPERATION ADOPTION”.

The float sponsored the BRHS and was graced by our famous litter of seven German-Shepard/collie mix puppies that were up for adoption. In addition, the club passed out informational flyers on the benefits of spaying and neutering your pets, as well as adopting through the BRHS. A good time was had by all, except when a few puppies lost their doggy treats – I guess puppies at times do get car sick. But everyone reports the parade was a great success.

The BRHS wants to extend a wonderful, heartfelt thank you for the generous and ongoing support provided by the SDSU Pre-Vet Club. Your club is the best in making a difference in the Brookings' community.

PLEASE Support the ANIMALS of the Brookings Regional Humane Society, by:

- becoming a Member
- being a Foster Home
- adopting an animal
- attending a Fund-Raiser
- joining a Committee
- donating money
- recycling your pop cans

For further details please write, call, or visit our web site at:

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Poster Children for Spay/Neuter

We all agree that they are cute but the fact is that they were unwanted. It was hard on the mother dog, hard on her owners, hard to find homes for them and the whole process costs a lot of money. All this could be prevented by two simple surgeries, one for the male and another for the female. All the puppies were adopted into good homes and all were spayed or neutered as well!



10 Tips on Where to Buy a Purebred Puppy

Getting a puppy is a long-term commitment and impulse or convenience shouldn't determine where you do your shopping. You should look for a quality companion that looks and acts like a great representative of the breed. Also remember to check with breed rescues & humane societies. Researching the breed and source of the puppy are the first steps. Use this checklist for assistance.

Pet Shop

1. Sells pups as merchandise to anyone willing to pay. Doesn't screen buyers & will sell to inappropriate homes.
2. Obtains pups from sources who breed for profit, usually "puppy mills." Reputable breeders never place their pups in pet shops.
3. Pups often from breeding stock which has had poor health care and living conditions. Breeding stock not screened for genetic problems.
4. Health guarantees are minimum required by law. Sales personnel unwilling or unable to discuss diseases or genetic problems a certain breed may be prone to.
5. Sales staff often doesn't have in-depth knowledge of all breeds sold.
6. Pet shop display limits the socialization, exercise and affection individual pups need at a critical point in development.
7. Offers AKC registration papers as proof of "quality" but doesn't mention that AKC accepts registrations without checking if breeding stock is sound and true to type. Often papers are not even AKC, beware.



8. Unwilling or unable to disclose pedigree or breeder information prior to sale.
9. Pups are priced at the high end of local range.
10. Store owner doesn't care about welfare of the pup after purchase. If problems arise later, you are on your own.

Casual or "Backyard" Breeder

1. Motive for breeding: "fun", "good for kids", or to make money. Doesn't screen buyers and seldom refuses to sell.
2. Breeds family pet to any convenient pet of same breed just to have purebred pups. Has no concern for genetics, bloodlines, or breed improvement.
3. Though pet may be well-loved, it wasn't x-rayed for hip dysplasia nor checked for other inheritable problems.
4. Offers no health guarantees beyond proof of shots. Unqualified to give help if problems develop.
5. Seller has little knowledge of breed history of AKC breed standard. May claim this doesn't matter for "just pets."
6. Pups raised in makeshift accommodations indicating lack of long term investment in breeding.
7. Even when selling "just pets" may produce AKC papers or "championship pedigree" as proof of quality. Yet seller doesn't increase own knowledge through participation in local or national breed club. Doesn't show own dogs to "prove" quality.
8. May be unwilling to show entire litter or the parents. Can't compare pups or pups' ancestors.
9. Prices at low end of local range to move pups rapidly.
10. No concern of pup's or breed's future. Doesn't use AKC's limited registration or

"The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated."

Mohandas Gandhi

ask for spay/neuter contract to guard against breeding of substandard pets. If you can't keep pup, tells you to sell it or take it to the pound

Reputable Breeder

1. Dedicated to producing quality dogs. Has so much invested that struggles to break even. Will only sell pups to approved buyers.
2. Can explain how planned breeding to emphasize specific qualities through linebreeding, out-crossing, or more rarely, inbreeding.
3. Has breeding stock x-rayed and checked for various genetic faults. Can produce certification to prove claims.
4. Lifetime commitment to replace a dog with proven genetic faults or to help owner deal with problem.
5. Loves breed and can talk at length about its background, uses and ideal type.
6. Has a serious investment in dog equipment such as puppy pens, crates, grooming tables—and knows how to use it.
7. Is a member of local or national dog club, showing a dedication to the breed. Exhibits own dogs as an objective test of how stock measures up.
8. Shows off litter and dam in sanitary environment. Helps buyer evaluate and choose pup. Explains criteria for "show picks" versus "pet picks."
9. Prices will be at high end of local range. Price won't reflect all that's invested in pups.
10. After purchase, will help with any problems. Will take back pup you can't keep rather than see it disposed of inappropriately. Sells pets with spay/neuter agreement or limited AKC registration for welfare of the breed. Reputation is based on your satisfaction.



Members Needed for the Year 2003 Board of Directors

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the society to serve on the Board of Directors. The BRHS Board of Directors consists of 9 board members, with three positions coming open for election every year. In addition to the three seats that are open for election this year, two additional seats have been vacated and need to be filled by general election at the Annual Meeting on Thursday, January 16, 2003.

The responsibilities of Board of Directors include overseeing the affairs and

operations of the BRHS. All operating policies and expenditures of the BRHS are approved by the members of the Board at their monthly meetings. Additional Board meetings are held as needed. In addition, Board Members each serve on at least one committee and serve as liaisons between the committees and the Board.

Can you help by serving on the Board of Directors? Any current member in good standing over the age of 18 is eligible to run for a position on the Board. Please submit the application enclosed with this

newsletter prior to January 10. If you don't get your application returned in time, please remember that we will also accept nominations for board seats during the annual meeting.

All applications should be mailed to The Brookings Regional Humane Society, P. O. Box 268, Brookings, SD 57006. It is the belief of the current Board members that new members on the Board each year will help to bring fresh ideas to the BRHS. Please help make the year 2003 a success for the BRHS!

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Application for the 2003 Brookings Regional Humane Society Board of Directors

Explanation: The BRHS will have five Board of Director positions open for the year 2003. Each of the positions open are for a three year term.

Responsibilities: The Board of Directors is responsible for overseeing the affairs and operations of the BRHS. The Board of Directors is obligated to meet once a month to discuss the operations of the Society.

Additional Board meetings are held when needed. In addition, Board Members each serve on at least one committee and serve as liaisons between the committees and the Board.

Eligibility: Any member in good standing of the BRHS may submit an application.

All members with an interest in serving the BRHS as a Board Member are

encouraged to apply. The current Board Members feel that new members on the Board each year will help bring fresh ideas to the Society.



Name: _____ Telephone: _____

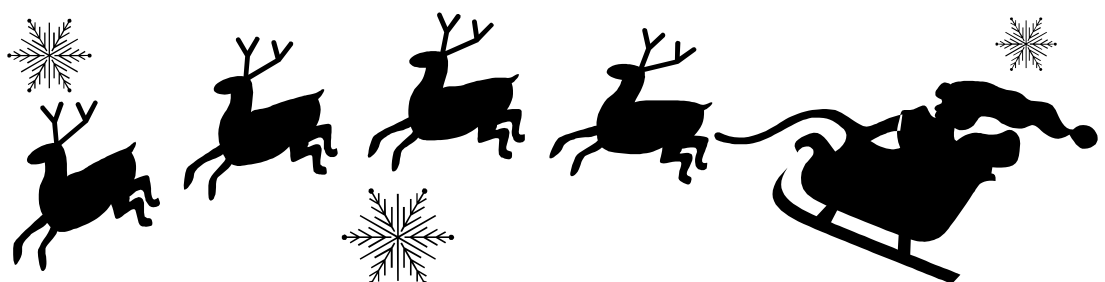
Address: _____ Occupation: _____

Why do you wish to be a member of the Board of Directors?

Please send Applications to: BRHS, P.O. Box 268, Brookings, SD 57006 **Applications must be postmarked by January 10, 2002.**

“The worst sin towards our fellow creatures is not to hate them, but to be indifferent to them. That is the essence of inhumanity.”

George Bernard Shaw



Pick Me! Pick Me! Pick Me!

The following animals are available through the Brookings Regional Humane Society. Thank You for helping to find homes for these animals.

Dogs:

None available at this time

Puppies:

Jasmine 16 week old spayed German Shepherd mix

Cats:

Shayna 2 year old spayed female, white

Beauty 2 year old spayed female, long hair black

Kittens:

Arto 4 month old spayed female, orange

Dancer 8 week old male kitten, orange

Prancer 8 week old male kitten, long hair, orange

Vixen 8 week old female kitten, long hair

Watch for Upcoming Adoption Days!

January 11 and 25, 2003
University Mall — 12:00 – 3:00 p.m.

February 8 and 22, 2003
University Mall — 12:00 – 3:00 p.m.

March 8 and 22, 2003
University Mall — 12:00 – 3:00 p.m.

April 12 and 26, 2003
University Mall — 12:00 – 3:00 p.m.



Bet You Can't Own Just One!

Submitted by: Kim Hyland

Why own a dog? There's danger you know
You can't own just one, the craving will grow

There's no doubt they're addictive, wherein
lies the danger
While living with lots, you'll grow poorer and
stranger.

One dog is so funny, and two are no trouble
The third one is easy, the fourth one's a honey
The fifth's delightful, the sixth one's a breeze,
You find you can live with a house full with
ease.

So how 'bout another? Would you really dare?
They're really quite easy, but Lord, the hair.
With dogs on the sofa, and dogs on the bed,
And crates in the kitchen, It's no bother,
you've said,
They're really no trouble, their manners are
great,
What's just one more dog, and one more
crate?

The sofa is hairy, the windows are crusty,
The floor is all footprints, the furniture is
dusty,
The housekeeping suffers, but what do you
care?
Who minds a few nose prints, and a little
more hair?

So let's keep a puppy, you can always find
room,
And a little more time for the dust cloth and
broom,
There's hardly a limit to the dogs you can
add,
The thought of a cutback sure makes you sad.

Each one is so special, so useful, so funny,
The vet, the food bills grow larger, you owe
money,
Your folks never visit, few friends come to
stay,
Except other dog folks, who live the same
way.

Your lawn has now died, and your shrubs are
dead too,
But your weekends are busy, you're off with
your crew,
There's dog food and vitamins, and training
and shots,
And entries and motels which cost lots.

Is it worth it you wonder? Are you caught in
a trap?
Then your favorite dog comes and climbs in
your lap,
His look says your special, and you know
that you will
Keep all of the critters, in spite of the bill.

AUTHOR UNKNOWN



The Humane Society is always needing volunteers to assist at Adoption Days!

If you can offer to help on one or two Saturday afternoons this winter, please call the BRHS at 697-0477. The animals thank you!

**He is your friend, your partner,
your defender, your dog.
You are his life, his love, his
leader.**

**He will be yours, faithful and true,
to the last beat of
his heart.**

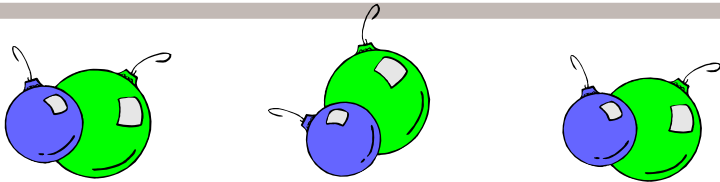
**You owe it to him
to be worthy of
such devotion.**

— unknown



Do I Go Home Today?

My family brought me home, cradled in their arms,
They cuddled me and smiled at me, said I was full of charm.
They played with me and laughed with me, they showered me with toys,
I sure do love my family, especially the girls and boys.
The children loved to feed me, they gave me special treats,
They even let me sleep with them, all snuggled in their sheets.
I used to go for many walks, often several times a day,
They even fought to hold the leash, I'm very proud to say.
They used to laugh and praise me, when I played with that old shoe,
But I didn't know the difference between the old ones and the new.
The kids and I would grab a rag, and for hours we would tug,
So I thought I did the right thing when I chewed the bedroom rug.
They said I was out of control and would have to live outside,
This I did not understand, although I tried and tried.
The walks stopped, one by one; they said they hadn't time,
I wish that I could change things, I wish I knew my crime.
My life became so lonely in the backyard on a chain.
I barked and barked all day long to keep from going insane.
So they brought me to a shelter, but were embarrassed to say why,
They said I caused an allergy, and then kissed me good-bye.
If I'd only had some classes when I was just a pup,
I wouldn't have been so hard to handle, when I was all grown up.
"You only have one day left," I heard a worker say.
Does this mean a second chance? Do I go home today?



Group Finds Homes for Animals

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"We were just four excited gals, and we thought we could really make a difference for pets, and we didn't expect it to mushroom like this," Rae said.

The group's nonprofit status allows it to apply for grants to pay for vaccinating, neutering or spaying pets before they are placed in new homes.

"We feel it is important that they are well-protected before they go into new homes, and it takes a lot of money to do that," Rae said

Money to run the organization comes from donations, fund-raisers and membership fees.

One of the group's founders volunteers nearly four hours each day helping animals in her home, picking up and delivering animals and making phone calls.

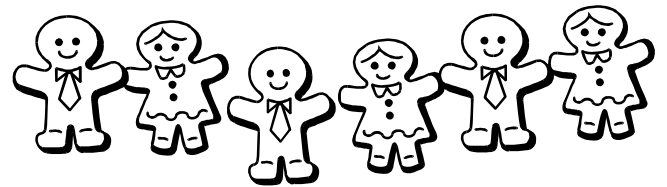
"I love animals, but my children are allergic. So that is how I get my animal connection, because I can't personally have any of my own," Antonitis said, adding she's been able to briefly foster a few nonshedding dogs

The women said education continues to be a big part of their effort.

"What we are trying to convey to the public is when you take in a dog or kitten, you have to understand the responsibility and this it is a commitment," Rae said.

ATTENTION! Annual Meeting Scheduled

The 2003 BRHS annual meeting will be held at the Brookings Public Library on Thursday, January 16, 2003 at 7:00 pm. Activities and finances from 2002 will be reviewed and the annual election for board members will be held. This meeting is open to the public so please bring any friends who might be interested in supporting the Humane Society. Refreshments will be served!



BRHS Bake Sale was a 'Sweet' Success!

Submitted by: Denise Hovland

Our bake sale on Saturday went very well. We made about \$400. Everyone did well in the baking department! I only took a few things to the Domestic Abuse Shelter. They as always were very grateful .



Open Your Hearts and Make A Difference By Supporting The Brookings Regional Humane Society

Return the following information to the BRHS at:
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The mission of the Brookings Regional Humane Society is:

- **To shelter** homeless pets.
- **To protect** animals by finding permanent loving homes through an aggressive adoption outreach program.
- **To educate** the community about companion animals, and promote responsible pet care and pet ownership.
- **To educate** and promote the reduction of pet over-population through an aggressive spay/neuter program.

Support the BRHS with the following:

- **A Charitable Endowment** to the “**Heart Heaven Facility Fund**”. Proceeds will support the construction and ongoing maintenance of a new facility for the animals.
- **A Charitable Donation** to the “**Healthy Heart Medical Fund**”. Proceeds will support the Brookings Regional Humane Society’s commitment that all animals adopted are healthy.
- **A Perpetual Memorial** dedicated in memory of a loved family member, friend, pet, or special cause or organization
- **Becoming a Member** – Membership benefits include a regular Newsletter* and Voting Privileges*

<input type="checkbox"/> Family Membership \$45	<input type="checkbox"/> Patron \$100
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual Membership \$30	<input type="checkbox"/> Benefactor \$250
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<input type="checkbox"/> Student Membership \$20	<input type="checkbox"/> Contributor \$50
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(or more)

*Excluding Pet Memberships

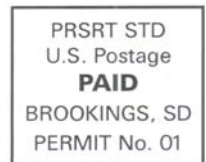
Name(s): _____

Name of Pet Members(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone (H): _____ (W): _____

Make checks payable to The BRHS and return to the address above. Receipt Required? _____ Amount enclosed: _____



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