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Hiking With Dogs: Tips For Hitting the Trail

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Hiking is fantastic exercise and a perfect way to enjoy nature. So, it's understandable that you would want your dog to join you on the trail. Dogs make great companions and watching them revel in the sights, sounds, and smells of nature is invigorating.

However, just as you wouldn't head out for a hike in dress shoes, there are considerations to be made for your dog. Do you have all the necessary equipment your dog will need? Have you learned hiking etiquette? You might also want to brush up on some dog training skills. Before you hit the trail with your dog, make sure you're well-equipped to ensure a wonderful experience in the outdoors for both you and your pet.

Hiking With Dogs Etiquette

First, don't always assume your dog is welcome to hike everywhere you are. For example, you might wonder, "Are dogs al-

lowed in National Parks?" Thankfully, many National Parks do welcome dogs, but many have restrictions about dogs on the trails. Always check if your dog is allowed to accompany you before you set out on a hike. If not, you might find yourself encountering a stiff fine, not to mention the anger of fellow hikers. Banning dogs from parks may seem arbitrary, but keep in mind that your dog can have an impact on the environment by putting wild animals at risk and invading delicate ecosystems.

Golden Retriever with a woman hiking in a mountainous landscape.

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Before you hit the trail, it's your responsibility to learn about the rules of each place you take your dog. When it comes to National Parks, there are general pet rules, but each park may have its own additional rules as well. Other wilderness areas, like State Parks and local forests, will also have their own regulations.

It pays to practice the National Parks B.A.R.K. rule wherever you hike with your dog. B.A.R.K. stands for:

Bag your pet's waste

Always leash your pet

Respect wildlife

Know where you can go

The first B.A.R.K. rule – pick up after your dog – is important hiking etiquette. You might think your dog's waste is a natural part of the cycle of life, especially in more remote locations. However, it can cause problems for local creatures and can even impact the water supply.

The second B.A.R.K. rule should apply in almost every hiking situation. Keeping your dog on a short leash is important for safety, courtesy, and control. Not every fellow hiker is comfortable with dogs, and there may be other dogs on the trail who aren't as friendly as yours. Finally, an off-leash dog can dis-

appear out of sight, and if you can't see what your dog is doing, you can't prevent them from getting into trouble, like encountering a skunk or eating something dangerous. If there are off-leash areas where you are hiking, only let your dog run free if you have verbal control of your dog, you can see your dog at all times, and you've worked on a reliable recall.

To protect plant and animal life, always keep your dog on the trail, except when encountering others. Then, step off the trail with your dog at your side to let people pass safely. Lastly, don't forget to greet others on the trail, as a cheery hello may signal that your dog is friendly and informs your dog that there is no need for concern.

Safety When Hiking With Dogs

Keeping your dog safe during a hike should always be a top priority, and the first step is making sure your dog is fit enough for the task. Check with your vet to learn what your dog can handle, as some dog breeds make better hiking partners than others. Be particularly cautious with young and old dogs, as they might not be able to keep up with you on long, challenging hikes, and the burden on growing bones may be too much for puppies. Hiking in overly hot weather should be avoided, as dogs are much more susceptible than humans to the dangers of excessive heat.

It's also essential that you take water for your dog. Dogs don't sweat the way humans do. Panting is their main method for keeping cool, putting them at a higher risk of overheating than you when on the trail. Plus, if you don't bring water for your dog to drink, you risk your dog drinking from ponds, streams, or standing pools of water, which can carry a high risk. Unknown water could be contaminated with parasites, bacteria like leptospirosis, or other pathogens that can make your dog very ill.

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2023 issue the AMSC
Board has told me that
there will be no more
monthly AMSCOPE**

HIKING....from p. 1

You and your dog may also be venturing into flea and tick territory on your hikes. Consider using a vet-approved flea and tick preventative and be sure to examine your dog for ticks carefully when you get off the trail. It is also helpful to know how to remove a tick from your dog, as early removal helps reduce the chance of a secondary illness. A bath or grooming session post-hike will allow you to check for invaders as well as burrs, foxtails, and other debris caught in your dog's fur.

Tornjak standing in the woods.
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Training Tips for Hiking With Dogs
An important part of hiking safety and etiquette is having a well-behaved and properly socialized dog. Be sure your dog at least knows the basic obedience skills like "come," "sit, and "stay." Walking politely on a leash is another key behavior. Your dog doesn't need to heel along the trail, but the point of hiking isn't to be dragged through the woods. In case you accidentally drop the leash or your dog's collar breaks, you should be prepared with a reliable verbal recall. You can't keep

your dog safe if you can't keep your dog in sight.

Some additional behaviors to work on include "leave it" and a "quiet" cue to curb barking. From poison ivy and animal waste to other hiker's trash, there are many dangers on the trail that could seriously harm your dog. A strong "leave it" cue will ensure your dog doesn't eat or mess with anything hazardous. And stopping any excessive barking will help keep your patch of nature as peaceful as possible.

Hiking Equipment

Finally, for a truly enjoyable hike, you should come prepared with appropriate dog hiking gear. Some suggested items to bring with you include:

- Poop bags
- Dog collar with ID tags and a sturdy 6-foot leash
- Water supply and a portable water bowl
- Dog food and/or treats and snacks
- Pet first-aid kit
- Pet-safe insect repellent
- Dog booties for hiking in rough terrain

WHY TITLE A DOG?

Not just a brag, not a stepping stone to a higher title, not just an adjunct to competitive scores, a title is a tribute to the dog that bears it, a way to honor the dog, an ultimate memorial. It will remain in record and in memory for as long as anything in this world can remain. Few humans will do as well or better in that regard.

And though the dog itself doesn't know or care that its achievements have been noted, a title says many things in the world of humans, where such things count.

A title says your dog was intelligent and adaptable, and good-natured. It says that your dog loved you enough to do the things that please you, however crazy they may have sometimes seemed.

And a title says that you loved your dog, that you loved to spend time with it because it was a good dog, that you believed in it enough to give it yet another chance when it failed, and that, in the end, your faith was justified.

A title proves that your dog inspired you to that special relationship enjoyed by so few, that in a world of disposable creatures, this dog with a title was greatly loved, and loved greatly in return.

And when that dear short life is over, the title remains as a memorial of the finest kind, the best you can give to a deserving friend, volumes of pride in one small set of initials after the name.

A title earned is nothing less than love and respect, given and received, and permanently recorded.



-Sandra Mowery

What not to say when someone loses a pet

KARLA POPE

What to Say When Someone Loses a Petanjajuli - Getty Images

For many people, beloved pets are a part of the family. So, when a pet — especially a [companion animal passes away](#), it can be devastating for those left behind. Their absence can leave a huge void in their household that can be felt for years to come, and in some cases, forever.

Know someone who's suffering from the loss of their pet, but not sure what to say? We get it. It's not always easy to find the right words that will [express your condolences](#) while being respectful and tactful. That's why we've come up with some sample sentences and prompts to help you figure out **what to say when someone loses a pet**.

Whether the pet died unexpectedly, ran away or had to be put down as a result of a lengthy terminal disease, losing a pet is hard for the owner regardless of the circumstances. "Grief is tenacious and can dig deep into the heart," says Wendy Van de Poll, MS, CEOL, a pet grief expert and founder of the [Center for Pet Loss Grief and Center for Animal Communication](#). "It affects daily routines and can leave someone feeling very hopeless. The [seven stages of grief](#) are extremely valuable; the order in which people experience them is truly up to them. It is important to let them unfold naturally."

Offering [kind and comforting words](#) is a great way to let the bereaved know that you're thinking of them in a way that acknowledges their loss. For inspiration, scroll through these sympathetic expressions for what you can say (and what you shouldn't) when a pet dies:

What not to say

Saying the wrong thing can lead to hurt feelings and sour some of the closest relationships. "It can be difficult to know what to say at the right time, and we can find ourselves bumbling for words," Van de Poll says. "If you know someone who has lost their pet, the best is to prepare yourself ahead of time to become aware of unintentional yet potentially hurtful comments."

She suggests avoiding saying the following three things to someone who has lost a pet:

- It's only a pet you can get another.
- Are you still grieving?
- Let me tell you what I did after my pet died.

What to say or do in person

Pet loss is an individual journey. So, as a friend or family member offering support, remember to be sensitive and keep in mind that what you say should reflect your personal relationship with the owner.

Try some of these examples:

I'm sorry for the loss of [pet's name]. They were an awesome companion who brought you so much joy.

I'm here for you. Take your time. I know how much [pet's name] meant to you.

[Pet's name] will be missed and live in our hearts forever.

The special bond between you and [pet's name] is unbreakable. The memories can never be taken away.

I am sorry to hear about the passing of [pet's name]. He brought so much joy to all of our lives.

We know that [pet's name] lived a wonderful life because they had you as their person.

It's never easy losing a family member. We know that [pet's name] was more than family to you.

[Pet's name] was so lovable and adorable. They will be sorely missed.

It's never easy saying goodbye to our loved ones. [Pet's name] will live on in all our hearts.

I'm thinking of you during this difficult time. May the beautiful memories [pet's name] bring you comfort.

We're going to miss [pet's name] so much! They really brightened our lives.

[Pet's name] was the absolute best companion who loved you unconditionally. I know this is an incredibly hard time, but know that I am here for you.

You gave [pet's name] a wonderful life. May their spirit live on in our hearts.

[Pet's name] was such a gentle and loving soul. Their calming presence will be missed.

Nothing can ever take away your precious memories of [pet's name]. They will always be a part of you.

[Pet's name] made everyone's day brighter. Their friendly and sweet spirit will be greatly missed.

What to say over text or write in a sympathy card

- I'm so sorry for the loss of [pet's name]. May I make a donation in their honor to a charity of their choice?

- I'm thinking of you. Remember I'm only a text message away for anything you may need.

- Sending deep condolences and endless love. My sincere thoughts are

with you during this hard time. I'd like to drop by some groceries sometime this week—please let me know what works for your schedule.

- Just checking in. I know every day is different, but know that I'm always here for you.

- Deepest condolences on the loss of [pet's name]. Will keep you in my thoughts and prayers.

- I know you're going through a difficult time. I'm always here to be a listening ear.

- May the memories of [pet's name] bring you peace and comfort during this difficult time.

- I'm here if you ever need anything. I know [pet's name] was the light of your life.

- [Pet's name] always made me smile. I am here for you for whatever you may need.

- Thinking of you during this difficult time. Know that you are loved.

- I'm so sorry for your loss. I am here for you and am ready to help in any way I can.

- Hold tight to the countless, wonderful memories you shared with [pet's name]. Think of them during this challenging time.

- Words cannot express how saddened I am to hear about your loss. My condolences are with you and your family during this time of grief.

- Please accept my condolences on the passing of [pet's name].

- I know I can't take the pain away, but I want you to know that I am here for you.

- My heart goes out to you. I'm deeply sorry for the loss of [pet's name]. I hope happy memories will comfort you during this difficult time.

Which Vaccines Does Your Dog Need?

Do you know the difference between so-called “Core” and “Non-Core” vaccines for your dog, and what those terms mean?

Do you sometimes wonder, “How often do I need to vaccinate my dog?” Or which vaccines are absolutely necessary and which are not? And what’s required by law?

It can get confusing. A lot of veterinarians give out misleading information to get you to keep vaccinating your dog regularly.

So we want to fill in the blanks and give you the information you need to make the best decision for your dog.

Then, when you get that card in the mail from your vet reminding you that your dog’s due for his annual physical exam and vaccinations, you’ll be prepared, knowing what your dog does and doesn’t need to remain protected from disease – and stay out of trouble with the law!

Core Vs Non-Core

All of the vaccines given to dogs fit into 2 categories: core and non-core vaccines.

Core vaccines are the ones most vets recommend your dog should have as a puppy. These vaccines all protect against dangerous viral diseases. They are:

- Rabies
- Distemper
- Parvovirus
- Adenovirus (Canine Hepatitis)

The Non-Core vaccines include:

- Bordetella
- Lyme Disease
- Leptospirosis 4-way (this is sometimes included in combination vaccines with core vaccines, but it is a non-core vaccine and should be considered separately)

- Canine Influenza
- Parainfluenza
- Adenovirus Intranasal

Several of the non-core vaccines (Bordetella, Lyme and Leptospirosis) are bacterial vaccines. Bacterial vaccines have low efficacy rates coupled with high incidence of adverse reactions. This means they should rarely be used, and then, only after careful consideration of all the risks of vaccinating vs not vaccinating against these diseases.

But if you do plan to give your dog any of these vaccines (or you already have), you’ll need to know how long they last and how to protect him after.

This is great, but it still doesn’t answer the question of which ones your dog needs. Don’t worry, I’m getting to that.

How Long Vaccines Last

First, for core vaccines ... you’ll see

the Minimum Duration of Immunity of the Core Vaccines. Protection against disease from these vaccines has been proven by clinical studies to last from 7 to 15 years (depending on the vaccine). The core vaccine information in the chart is based on clinical studies by Ronald D Schultz PhD and you can read more about his work in this article.

If your dog has had any of the core vaccines at 16 weeks of age or older, he’s most likely protected for life and doesn’t need to be vaccinated again.

Your veterinarian may not agree with this. Unless your veterinarian is truly holistic, she will probably at least follow the AAHA guidelines.

Your veterinarian may imply that the core vaccines are required by law. But, except for rabies, they’re not.

Next, for non-core vaccines, you’ll see we’ve focused on the three main non-core vaccines that your vet’s likely to recommend: Bordetella (kennel cough), Lyme Disease and Leptospirosis. Since we don’t advocate any of these vaccines, the chart lists some issues with these vaccines that you should consider before vaccinating your dog.

Why You Shouldn’t Over-Vaccinate Your Dog

Vaccinating your dog more often than necessary can be very dangerous for him. All vaccines have potential adverse reactions. These can range from fairly mild reactions like lethargy or soreness, to really severe ones like anaphylactic shock, autoimmune diseases and even death. The vaccine can also cause the disease it’s intended to prevent! that add to the risks of vaccinating your dog.

Two of these are:

Thimerosal

This is a mercury based additive used as a preservative. Mercury toxicity is well known and repeatedly proven in studies. Yet it’s still contained in most veterinary vaccines today. Even some vaccines that claim to be thimerosal-free may still contain small amounts of thimerosal. That’s because it can be used in processing but not added as an ingredient, so the manufacturers don’t have to disclose it.

Gentamicin

This is an antibiotic. According to the FDA (US Food and Drug Administration), antibiotics are in vaccines to prevent bacterial infection during manufacturing. So when your dog gets a vaccine, he’s getting antibiotics whether you like it or not.

What To Do At The Vet’s Office

For Core Vaccines

If your veterinarian presses you to over-vaccinate your dog with core vaccines, you can draw her attention to Dr Schultz’s research. Dr Schultz’s studies show the minimum duration of immunity that likely protects your dog for life once he’s had his core vaccines as a puppy or adult.

If your vet needs more convincing, you can ask for titers to confirm your dog’s protected. Some vets

charge an exorbitant amount for titers (perhaps because they really don’t want to do them) and some may even refuse.

If that’s the case, you can ask your vet to draw the blood for you (usually about a \$15 to \$20 charge) and then send it yourself to Hemopet for testing. You can submit your titer request on Hemopet’s website. A distemper and parvo titer costs only \$52 and you can ship the vial of blood for about \$6 via a US Postal Service Small Flat Rate Box.

For Non-Core Vaccines

Your vet is likely to recommend Bordetella and Leptospirosis vaccines, as well as Lyme if you live in a high tick area. All of these vaccines carry a high risk for your dog and don’t work very well. Check the vaccine issues listed on the chart, and also consider these points before vaccinating your dog.

VACCINES

Bordetella: If you board your dog, try to find a kennel that doesn’t require Bordetella. If your kennel does, ask to sign a waiver accepting the risk of your dog getting kennel cough on their premises ... that’s what worries them. Or better yet, have a pet-sitter come to your home and then you don’t need to worry about vaccination requirements.

Leptospirosis:

If you think your dog is at risk for leptospirosis, make sure you find out from your local health authority what strains of leptospirosis are in your area. The vaccine covers the *L. canicola*, *L. icterohaemorrhagiae*, *L. grippityphosa* and *L. pomona* serovars. If these strains aren’t prevalent where you live, there is no point in taking the risk of vaccinating your dog.

Also note that some vets give the Leptospirosis vaccine in conjunction with core vaccines. You may see a vaccine called something like DHLPP. That “L” is leptospirosis ... make sure you know what vaccines your vet is using. Your dog could still get the leptospirosis shot.

Lyme: if your dog’s not out in the woods picking up ticks, he’s probably not at risk for Lyme disease. If you do take your dog into tick-infested areas, use natural protection methods to keep the ticks away. Check him thoroughly for ticks when you get home. Removing the ticks promptly will help prevent the tick from infecting him.

So which dog vaccines are necessary? That’s a question only you can answer!

About the Author Julia Henriques

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Lisa would like to become a member because she is very much into the Miniature Schnauzer breed and is supportive of reputable show breeders. All her minis have come from a reputable show breeder and she wants to do her part to support the breed and breeders. She states that she has read and agrees to comply with the Breed Standard and Code of Ethics. Lisa is not a breeder. Her dogs come from Linda Drost of Attaway. She belongs to MVMSC and is a professional dog trainer with her own business and is a Veterinary Technician. Her Ch. Attaway Dots and Dashes hikes with her. Lisa has been a dog show handler finishing dogs to Championship, CD, CDX, UD titles. Her skills are knowledge of dog training and Veterinary medicine.

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Connie would like to become a member to connect with a community of Min. Schnauzer breeders/lovers and keep abreast of issues in the breed. She is a Breeder and has bred one litter in the past five years. Connie is a member of Canadian Kennel Club and Canadian Professional Handlers Association. She attends approximately thirty weekends of shows per year. Connie is also an outstanding artist. Her first Min. Schnauzer was purchased from Kate McMillan approximately thirty years ago and have always had at least two in her house since. **Sponsors:** Carol Henning, Jackie Harris

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Such Fun

Elizabeth would like to join the AMSC to learn and be more involved with the breed. To be more aware and up to date on issues affecting health and breeding issues affecting the breed. She states that she has read The Breed Standard and the Code of Ethics and agrees to comply and support both. She owns a Min. Schnauzer bred by Dale Miller, herself and Kurt Garmaker. She has produced two litters in the past five years. Elizabeth is involved in Conformation, Obedience and Breeding. She will start to show again this year. She checked almost every box under the activities that she is willing to volunteer for. Her special skill is that she is an educator and a writer. Dale Miller is a dear friend and mentor. She states that her dogs are family pets first, but she is honored to continue learning about the breed. **Sponsors:** Dale Miller, Vivian White

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Patricia would like to join AMSC to help support the club and to learn more about the Miniature Schnauzer so she can knowledgably promote and advocate for the correct breed standard. She has read and agrees to abide by the Breed Standard and Code of Ethics. She would like to connect with other breed enthusiasts. She is not a breeder and has received all of her dogs from respective breeders. Patricia is involved in Conformation, Agility, Obedience, Dock Diving and Barn Hunt.

She attends approximately 60 events per year. She is a member of Oriole Dog Training Club (Chair) and Black Russian Terrier Club of America (Health committee, National Specialty 2022). She checked all the boxes for activities she is willing to volunteer for. Patricia is a Mathematician and Senior level Healthcare data analyst and researcher.

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Shantel would like to join AMSC to better represent the breed. She has read and agrees to abide by both the Breed Standard and the Code of Ethics. She owns three Standard Schnauzer, two are AKC and one is PAL registered. She also owns two AKC registered Miniature Schnauzers. She does not consider herself a breeder, but is involved in Conformation, Agility, Scent work, Rally and Barn Hunt. Shantel attends roughly twenty-four dog events per year. She is a member of Twin Cities Mini Schnauzer Club, Heartland Standard Schnauzer Club of Greater Twin Cities and Standard Schnauzer Club of America. As a veterinarian specializing in rehab, chiropractor, acupuncture she is very interested in the overall health of the dog and extending the quality of their lives as long as possible. She can offer assistance in education especially in sports medicine.

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Vickie has taken an active role in the development of Miniature Schnauzers since 2014 when she attended her first dog show to watch Kate McMillan show a dog they co-own. She has since then learned to strip, groom and show her dogs. She states that AMSC is part of the MS world and she should have applied sooner. She agrees to abide by the Code of Ethics and Breed Standard. Vickie co-owns dogs with Kate that are AKC & CKC registered. In the past five years her stud dogs have produced six litters and she has whelped two litters. She is Vice-President of the Miniature Schnauzer Club of Canada. Skills are Program Planning, Evaluation, Computer Skills + + +, Chairing Meetings, Project Management, Research, excellent writing skills and Educator.

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Kevin feels it is time to join AMSC because of his involvement in Miniature Schnauzers. He imported his first Mini from Spain in 2018. 2019 he imported a bitch from France and she was shown to her AKC Championship. Last year he had his first litter of Minis that produced his first bred by champion. He has read the Code of Ethics and Breed Standard and agrees to abide by them. He is a breeder and has produced 12 litters over the past five years. Kevin is involved in Conformation, Agility, Obedience, Stewarding and breeding. He attends approximately 50 dog events per year. Clubs he belongs to: Standard Schnauzer Club of America (current treasurer), Arizona White Mountain KC (past President,) Affenpinscher Club of America (current Recording Secretary), German Wirehaired Pointer Club of America, Pincher-Schnauzer Club of Germany, Mid-Atlantic Stewards Association, Eastern Stewards Club, Inc and New Mexico Stewards Association. He states that Minis, even though a lot of grooming, are the breed for him. Kevin states that he is "over educated" with two Master's Degrees, three Bachelor's Degrees, among many other accomplishments. **Sponsors:** Andrew Deer, Shawne Imler

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Gloria and Carlos support the Code of Ethics and the Breed Standard. They have owned Miniature Schnauzers for over 18 years and say that promoting the breed standard is really important to them.

They have purchased their dogs from breeders and wanted to join AMSC for many years but didn't know anyone to sponsor them. They love their dogs and consider them best friends. They have bred two litters in the past five years. They met Patricia Bonds while doing research for a stud dog. They have learned so much since meeting Patricia including how to prepare for the show ring. The dog they co-own only needs one point to finish. Special skills they possess are organizational, baking, cake decorating, computer skills, woodworking, carpentry, drawing, painting and calligraphy.
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Taylor and Ande are dedicated to preserving the integrity of their heart breed, and feel they will be a valuable asset to the club and breed as a whole. They agree to comply with and support both the Code of Ethics and the Breed Standard. They have AKC Mini. Schnauzers and Shiloh Shepherds registered with TSSR. All from a breeder. They have not bred any litters in the past five years. Their dogs have shown in Conformation the past two years. Obedience, Fast Cat, Barn Hunt, Trick Dog, Training, etc., over nine years. They usually attend trials or events every other weekend. They do not belong to any clubs at this time. They were active in The Orlando Dog Training Club when they lived there. They checked several boxes of the club activities that they are willing to volunteer for. Taylor has been a professional and accredited Force-Free dog trainer since 2014. Her assistant is basically her husband despite his career in forestry. They purchased the first well bred Mini named Hank in 2021. Taylor finished his Conformation Championship and has put 11 other performance titles on him. As a trainer, she has the expertise to help those who may be struggling to work through behavioral problems and is happy to offer consults and encouragement to people to do things with their "furry companions".

Sponsors: Terre Houck, Helen Carter

AMSC Board Update:

In May 2023, the board voted to accept the resignation of Dustin Wyatt and later voted to fill the the board vacancy with Kelly Radcliff.

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