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Featured in this Issue:

- Spotlight on Agility, an “extracurricular” event that is the fastest growing dog sport in the U.S.
- Pictorial memories of the MVMSC June picnic and the Great Western Specialty in Long Beach, CA
- Names and Faces – Donna Parzow
- Pet Health - Pyometra
- Plus - All the regular features and a few new ones!

President's Letter

MVMSC Friends -

I hope that everybody is enjoying your Summer, I know that it has been hot but Autumn is just a few weeks away. Speaking about Autumn, do not forget about our "really big shows" coming up. We will be having our club Specialty in October at the Howard County Fairgrounds. There will be more information about this event on our web page as we get closer to the date.

Another event that will be coming up is our Board of Director elections. As you know, the President can only run for two terms and my second term will be ending in October. The nomination committee has recommended Rich Edwards for President and Judy Arnoff for Vice President. Cindy Sanders has agreed to serve a second term as Secretary and Laurese Katen as Treasurer. The committee will nominate Donna Parzow, B.J. Arczynski and Sue Far as Board members. Of course, the nomination committee is just that, a group that proposes names for board members. Anyone can nominate another member or themselves for any of these positions.

Serving as an officer can be fun and very educational. The board members' recommendations were instrumental in helping me pick our latest puppy. Next year will be a very exciting year to serve on the board with upcoming debates on the role of a web page for the club, the location and times of meetings, and arranging notable guest speakers for the club functions.

Joe Wade, President

Welcome New Club Members –

Debi Durst – Kearneysville, WV
Susan Faber – Montgomery Village, MD
Vladimir Mitkine – Damascus, MD
Paul Roth – Ellicott City, MD
Nancy Smith – Alexandria, VA

New Champions

Conformation

- CH. Pendragon Hyspirits Batman Returns (Keaton), co-owned by B.J. Arczynski and Rebecca Manspeaker, finished his championship June 16, 2006 at just over 10 months of age from the Bred-by Class. "Keaton" is the 4th champion for his sire CH. Benalta Batman and the 1st champion for his dam, CH. Pendragon's Give No Warning.



Rally

- Happy Ours He's My Hero, (Hero) and owner, Susan Check-Landis, completed their Rally Advanced Excellent title on June 4th at the Burlington County Kennel Club show held in Wrightstown, PA. While working on the 10 legs required for this title, Hero received 5 firsts, 4 seconds, 5 thirds, and 1 fourth place finish.

- Mai-Laur Stormy Gusts (Stormy, see pictured on the cover) and owner, Donna Parzow, completed their Rally Excellent title with first and second place finishes at the Shetland Sheepdog Club of Baltimore on July 16.
- Gentry Shall we Dance, and owner Ann Rutherford, earned their Rally Novice title September 25, 2005, in Beltsville, MD and their Advanced title November 11 in Salisbury, MD. She has two legs toward her Rally Excellent title.

Obedience

- Mai-Laur Black Domino (Domino) and owner Donna Parzow completed their Canine Good Citizenship, the first level of Obedience with the AKC, at the Shetland Sheepdog Club of Baltimore on July 16. Domino accomplished this at the tender age of 6 months.

** Please send New Champion information to rtlesle@comcast.net for inclusion in the next newsletter**

Congratulations on these Noteworthy Achievements!

Canine Health Corner

Topic this issue: **Pyometra**

A relatively common and serious health issue in intact bitches is pyometra, literally an infected uterus. Their physiology and periods of fertility leave bitches with some serious design malfunctions. From her first season through the rest of her life, she is susceptible to cystic endometrial hyperplasia (CEH) or chronic thickening of the uterine lining. When the cervix opens, bacteria from the vagina has direct access to the uterus. Normally, the accumulated bacteria evacuate the uterus prior to diestrus and the closing of the cervix. However, with each additional period of proestrus and estrus, the estrogen-rich uterus increases its progesterone receptors. The uterus receives more progesterone following the fertile period, regardless of being impregnated or not.

Bitches develop CEH because of this almost constant exposure to progesterone. Once a bitch has significant CEH, the uterus is no longer capable of ridding itself of invasive bacteria. Diagnosing CEH is problematic. At this time only severe cases can be seen on ultrasound, and uterine biopsy cannot be performed because of their unique anatomy.

Pyometra - literally an infected uterus, is easier to diagnose and offers a few treatment options that control but do not eradicate the disease. Resolution of the infection can occur medically or surgically, depending on some key factors.

A range of signs rather than a single typical disease manifestation is likely to be present. At about the 4-6 week mark after the fertile period, the bitch may exhibit depression, diarrhea, increased thirst and urination, loss of appetite, septic shock, and vomiting. Abdominal distension is the hallmark symptom, along with a fever. These manifestations require immediate veterinary care. Bitches treated medically (rather than surgically) run the risk of repeated bouts of pyometra that continually threaten her life. The only way to stop the cycle is to spay. Breeders who want puppies from a bitch already experiencing this disease must breed her at her next cycle, after which she should be retired from the breeding program and spayed. A common misconception is that pyometra can be treated just with antibiotics, which is false because the antibiotic cannot permeate the infection in the uterus – the toxic contents must be emptied.

Paws Up Award

Goes toNorth Carolina Schnauzer Rescue

Each issue, *Beard 'n Brows* features outstanding contributions, acts of kindness, etc. and awards the “Paws-up” award. To our neighbors to the south, this month’s winner is the North Carolina Schnauzer Rescue organization, which is less than a year old, and has already made its mark in helping our furry friends.

Article excerpted from *The Cary News*, Cary, NC, Wednesday, July 26, 2006

Sharing a Soft Spot for Schnauzers



N.C. Schnauzer Rescue organizers Stephanie Bivens, right, with Oliver, and Rhonda Lowe, with Xena.
Staff photo by Grant Halverson

EMILY MATCHAR, Staff Writer, *The Cary News*

“Bang bang!” said Rhonda Lowe. Xena, all 14 pounds of her, collapsed on the carpet. “Good girl,” said Lowe, tossing Xena a liver treat, which appeared to bring the miniature schnauzer back from the dead. Xena, age 6, is really good at playing possum. She’s also not too shabby with “go long,” “roll over” and, of course, “sit.”

It was a Monday afternoon in Holly Springs and Lowe and Xena were having a play date with human friend Stephanie Bivens and her miniature schnauzer, Oliver. Oliver sat on Bivens’ lap, grinning through his pointed beard, while Xena did tricks and played fetch with a stuffed squeaky duck. Meanwhile, their owners discussed the ins and outs of schnauzer ownership, leaning over to give the occasional kiss or ear scratch to their furry pals. Bivens and Lowe, both of Holly Springs, love miniature schnauzers so much that they founded the North Carolina Schnauzer Rescue in October 2005. They have taken it upon themselves to make sure that no member of their favorite breed is put down or languishes in a no-kill shelter in North Carolina.

Lowe, a project manager at Cisco, and Bivens, a fourth-grade teacher at Penny Road Elementary, work with other volunteers to rescue unwanted or abandoned miniature schnauzers from animal shelters and private homes across North Carolina. The dogs are kept in “foster care” until permanent owners can be found.

The volunteers, who at this point hail mostly from the Triangle, (Raleigh, Durham, Chapel Hill area) will drive anywhere in the state to pick up a miniature schnauzer from an animal shelter. Earlier this month, the group went en masse to Supply, in the far southeast part of the state, to rescue 22 miniature schnauzers who had been nearly abandoned when their owner died several weeks before. The dogs were covered in fleas and grime, Lowe said. “It was a sad situation.”

So far about 50 dogs have come through the organization.

So what is it about these petite dogs, with their curly coats and double goatees, that inspires so much devotion? Lowe, who is allergic to most dogs, bought Xena from a breeder as a puppy because of the breed’s reputation for being non-shedding and hypoallergenic. Miniature schnauzers are smart, perky and eager to please, without any of the delicate or finicky nature that dog lovers describe as “toyishness.”

“There was no other breed choice for me,” she said. She even convinced her husband, former owner of a 200-plus pound Saint Bernard, that miniature schnauzers, are the way to go. She sometimes brings Oliver to school with her over the summer so he can get comfortable with children by watching the summer campers.

Since she bought Xena, Lowe has fostered about 100 miniature schnauzers, mostly through other rescue organizations. While both women caution that schnauzers are not for everyone, particularly those who are not willing to give the dogs the regular training that they need, they do hope that others will come to love the breed as much as they do. After all, North Carolina Schnauzer Rescue has plenty of dogs waiting.

“We get new dogs almost every week,” Lowe said.

For more information on NC Schnauzer Rescue, go to www.ncschnauzers.org.

Programs & Events Calendar

- *September Club Meeting* - Sunday, September 10 at 1:00 pm at Laurese Katen’s home.
- *Special Invitation for Labor Day weekend*— New club member Debi Durst, has invited all club members to a pig roast on Sunday, Sept. 3 at 1:00 pm at her home, 6546 Middleway Pike, Kearneysville, WV 25430. Please RSVP to debimartin@netzero.net or call 304-725-6794 no later than Aug. 13. Please bring a covered dish to share.
- *October 5-8* — The biggest and most prestigious conformation show of the year – the four-day Montgomery County shows, held in several northwest Philadelphia suburbs, culminates in the National Specialty on Sunday. If you’re interested in learning more about conformation shows, this is the place to be.
- *October 14* - MVMSC Specialty (conformation) at the Howard County Fairgrounds

Don't forget to support our Club's annual Specialty with your contribution to the trophy fund. You should have received letters asking for your contribution. If you did not and would like to make a contribution, contact Laurese Katen. The next newsletter will feature Rally. Everyone who is involved in this activity, please send your stories, brags, and pictures to rtlesle@comcast.net for inclusion.

And a Second Paws Up Goes to . . .

The [MVMSC](#)!

- The auction held at the June picnic raised \$71 for our club. Thanks to everyone who fattened our coffers.

Agility – great for you dog, popular with spectators

Agility is as popular with spectators as it is with participants. It is a fast-paced sport with dogs racing against the clock over an obstacle course that includes ramps, jumps, weave poles and tunnels. Every trial presents a different course, so dogs and owners must communicate quickly as they move from one obstacle to the next. The jump heights are set according to the dog's height at the shoulder so each dog is tested fairly. Agility demonstrates a dog's willingness to work with its handler in a variety of situations.

Running a dog in an agility trial is the ultimate game for you and your dog. It's an activity that strengthens the bond between dog and handler and provides fun and exercise for both, which might explain why it's so enjoyable to watch and has become the fastest growing dog sport in the U. S.!

Types of Agility Trials

All-breed agility trials offer competitions for more than 150 breeds and varieties of dogs recognized by the AKC. This is the most common type of trial offered. Specialty trials are restricted to dogs of a specific breed or to varieties of one breed.

Am I Eligible?

To be eligible to compete in agility trials, a dog must be:

- Registered with the AKC or listed with the AKC Indefinite Listing Privilege program, which allows unregistered dogs of registerable breeds to compete in the AKC Performance and Companion Events.
- One year of age or older

The Role of the Judge

Agility judges are responsible for the proper setting of the agility courses at the trials they judge. All courses are different for every trial and they must meet certain guideline standards, established by the AKC, to ensure safety and consistency throughout the country.

Judges meet with the exhibitors prior to competition at each trial to summarize the class rules. During this “briefing”, the judge also announces the expected time for dogs to complete the course, called the Standard Course Time. Dogs that exceed the expected time receive time faults.

The judge is on the course during the exhibition of the dog to determine any errors, or “faults”, the handler or dog may commit. The judge then signals those faults to a “scribe” who records all signals from the judge. The faults are recorded on the dog’s score sheet to determine qualifying scores.

At the end of each class, the judge checks the scribe sheets and then awards first through fourth place and gives a ribbon to each dog receiving an award.

How an Agility Trial Works

Once the judge has set up the course and determined the sequence of obstacles, handlers are allowed a “walk-through”, which is done as a group, without the dogs. Handlers follow the numbers set at each obstacle to become familiar with the course. Most handlers walk the course as many times as they can in the time allowed to plan their handling strategy.

The handler and dog team runs the course individually, off-leash. The “timer” tells the handler when he or she may begin, starting a stopwatch as soon as any part of the dog crosses the start line and stops the clock when any part of the dog crosses the finish line. As each dog runs, the judge indicates the faults, if any, that the dog commits. These faults are recorded by the scribe on a score sheet along with the dog’s time. This information is then given to a scorekeeper, who calculates the qualifying performances and top placements of each team.

Two Types of Classes

There are two types of classes offered at an agility trial: Standard and Jumpers with Weaves. The Standard class has contact obstacles, which have yellow “contact zones” at each end. Contact obstacles include A-frame, dog walk and seesaw. The dog must place at least one paw in the contact zone in order not to receive a fault. This encourages safety in training and in running the course. Standard class also has a variety of jumps, weave poles, pause table, tunnels and a closed chute. The Jumpers with Weaves class does not have contact obstacles or a pause table to slow the team’s forward momentum. This is a very fast course requiring decisions by the handler and close attention from the dog.

Levels of Competition

There are three levels of competition in agility:

- NOVICE – for the dog just starting in agility. There are 13-15 obstacles on this course. The focus of the Novice class is on performing the obstacles with minimum handling technique.
- OPEN – for the dog that has completed the Novice level. There are 16-18 obstacles on this course. The focus of the open class is on more difficult obstacle course performance with more handling skill required.

- EXCELLENT – for the dog that has completed the open level. There are 18-20 obstacles on this course. The focus of the Excellent A & B class is to provide the opportunity for the dogs and handlers to demonstrate their superior skills in moving quickly and efficiently with close communication and teamwork through challenging agility courses. The Excellent B level is the class where handler-dog teams can earn the title Master Agility Champion. (MACJ).

How Faults are Given

Agility is a time and fault sport where the qualifying requirements are more challenging as the competition class levels get higher. There are two types of faults, time and penalty. Time faults are given for every second a dog goes over the Standard Course Time.

Below are examples of penalty faults that a judge may assess a handler and dog.

- Taking an obstacle out of sequence
- Missing a contact zone
- Displacing a bar or panel on a jump
- Jumping off the pause table before the judge is though counting
- Running around or refusing the next obstacle
- Exceeding the amount of time set by the judge for running the course
- Touching either the dog or any obstacle by the handler while running the course
- Outside assistance may be penalized
- Handler failure to control the dog may be penalized

A perfect score in any class at any level is 100.

Winning

Award placement rosettes or ribbons are the same in all levels of classes.

- 1st place – blue
- 2nd place – red
- 3rd place- yellow
- 4th place – white

All dogs that have received a qualifying score in their class receive a green ribbon to indicate that they have earned a “leg” or qualifying score, toward their title. The titles awarded are as follows:

Novice Agility or Novice Jumpers with Weaves	NA or NAJ
Open Agility or Open Jumpers with Weaves	OA or OAJ
Excellent A Agility or Excellent A Jumpers with Weaves	AX or AXJ
Excellent B Agility or Excellent B Jumpers with Weaves	MX or MXJ
Excellent B would also produce the title Master Agility Champion	MACH
Novice Agility Preferred or Novice Jumpers with Weaves Preferred	NAP/NJP
Open Agility Preferred or Open Jumpers with Weaves Preferred	OAP or OJP
Excellent A Agility Preferred or Excellent Jumpers with Weaves Preferred	AXP or AJP
Excellent B Agility Preferred or Excellent Jumpers with Weaves Preferred	MXP or MJP

The PREFERRED Class affords an opportunity for a greater variety of dogs and their handlers to participate in the sport of agility. Handlers have the option to enter the Preferred classes with modified standards of lower jump heights and more generous course times.

Information About Agility Trials

The AKC offers a wide variety of resources to assist everyone, whether you are new to the sport or want to know how to set up your own agility trial. Contact the AKC at 919-233-9767 or email OrderDesk@akc.org to inquire about additional resources.

Whether you set your sights on the AKC National Agility Championship or the ACK World Agility Team, you can participate in agility trials for fun and exercise at the local level. The best goal is the enjoyment of bringing together communication, training, timing, accuracy and just plain fun in the ultimate game for you and your dog – agility.

Names and Faces – Donna Parzow

This is a new feature for *Beard n Brow*. Each newsletter will feature one of our members and tell his/her MS “story”. Interested in becoming our next “Name and Face”? Email rtlesle@comcast.net



*Donna Parzow with
husband Howard
and Stormy.*

Q. In 75 words or less, a short biography (about you, not your MS(s)).

A. I moved here from Florida in 1966. It was a little hard on me leaving my mom and step-dad down there. After purchasing a home in Bethesda, I began my teaching career. I've been a pre-school for 37 years. I have two grown sons and three granddaughters. One of my sons lives in Gaithersburg and the other lives in Charlotte, NC. I got my first dog from one of my students. He was a little mixed breed and lived to be 19 years old. My vet had a MS and I fell in live with him (the dog, not the vet). When I had to put my dog down, I got my first MS. He is black and is 13 years old. His name is McDuff and he is the love of my life.

Q. How and when did you become interested in MSs? Tell us the story about how you got your first MS.

A. I became interested in Miniature Schnauzers after seeing and playing with my vet's mini. I got my first one in 1992 from a breeder in Gaithersburg.

Q. Names, ages, and colors of your current MS(s). Total number of MSs you've ever owned.

A. McDuff – Gailwinds Silent Night. He is black and is 13 years old. Stormy – Mai-Laur Stormy Gusts. He is a salt and pepper and is 6 years old. Domino – Mai-Laur Black Domino. He is black and is 8 months old. I've only owned 3 miniature schnauzers.

Q. Is your MS(s) involved in any “extracurricular” activities – agility, rally, companion dog, etc? Please explain.

A. McDuff has done Companion Dog, Open Obedience & Utility Obedience. He’s never gotten anything but blue ribbons. Stormy has done Companion Dog, Open Obedience and Rally Obedience. He has also received only 1st and 2nd place finishes. Domino is going into Intermediate Obedience Classes and received his Canine Good Citizen Award at the tender age of 6 months.

Q. What sets your MS(s) apart from all others?

A. My miniature schnauzers are all obedience dogs. They are a pleasure to take anywhere because of their training. They are loved and very spoiled.

Q. Favorite breed other than MS? (May also include feline and equine friends.)

A. The other breed I like is the Great Dane. When I was growing up we had four of them. They are very loving and real.

Q. Tell us something we don’t know about you and your MS(s).

A. They have brought a new meaning to my life that my other pets had not. Their temperament and loving disposition have brought a new enjoyment to my life that I never thought possible.

Club and Board Meeting Minutes

Mount Vernon Miniature Schnauzer Club
Cindy Sanders’ home
May 6, 2006
Draft of club meeting minutes

The meeting was called to order at 1:25 by Vice President, Rich Edwards.

Secretary report: Cindy Sanders reviewed the highlights of the March club meeting minutes.

Treasurer report: Laurese Katen: The trophy donations are over \$200. There were four new applicants presented and voted in as new members. Welcome to Chris Franck, Cindy Ryan, Susan Faber, and Paul Roth. The bank balance is \$3450.04 plus two new checks not deposited at this time for membership.

Old Business:

Rich Edwards indicated that the update to bylaws to constitution is awaiting Joe Wade who is putting into a word document to edit. Rich will get with Joe to keep the process moving. In the mean time, Sharon Edwards will get bylaws into a word document so it can be modified. When this is completed copies will be emailed to the board.

The website is updated with meeting notices. It’s not known who updated information. It is assumed that Doc completed the update. Doc needs to be paid for his services to our website construction. This will be done at the June picnic. Joe Wade will meet with Doc to get directions on how to modify the website. Chris Franck volunteered to get involved with website updates. Chris Franck, Rich Edwards, and Joe Wade will get together at Doc’s convenience to discuss keeping the website information current.

New Business:

There was a discussion about the June club picnic that will be held at Joe and Ann Wade's house in Springfield, Virginia on Saturday, June 10th. The members in attendance signed up to bring food. Donna Parson has volunteered to take reservations and keep a food sign up list. Call her to let her know what you will bring. The club will reimburse Joe and Ann for purchase of hamburgers and hot dogs. Cindy Sanders has already sent out the notice for the picnic combined with the May club meeting notice.

There was a discussion on club meeting days being switched from Saturdays to Sundays or potentially weekday evenings. Laurese proposed sending a letter to local members asking their preference of days in an effort to increase meeting attendance. The decision was tabled until the June meeting. Cindy Sanders suggested sending a survey to members. It was suggested to try to have it ready for the fall.

Connie Franck and Sharon Edwards will be taking reservations for dinner for the October specialty show. Laurese is not sure if we will have the same building as last year. She will ask to keep the same building as it offers more privacy for our specialty events.

Laurese will host the September club meeting at her house. It will be held Sunday, September 10th at 1pm.

Rich Edwards moved the meeting be adjourned. Joe Wade seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 2:01pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Cindy Sanders
Secretary

<p>Mount Vernon Miniature Schnauzer Club Ann and Joe Wade's home June 10, 2006 Draft of club meeting minutes</p>
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A short meeting followed the June picnic. Thirteen members were present. New members were voted in and Laurese Katen presented the Treasurer's report. A silent auction held at the picnic brought \$71 for the Club. Upcoming events – the September Club meeting, the election of new officers, and the Specialty were mentioned as reminders of forthcoming activities. The holiday party in December will be held at the home of Rich and Sharon Edwards.

Respectfully submitted:

Cindy Sanders
Secretary

Blast From the Past



Frank Katen and Bill Moore – June 1965.
Dog show dress code just isn't what it used to be!



Trophy table at the MVMSC Specialty – October 1981
Note the silver bowl in the middle of the table is still used as our "roving" Best of Breed trophy.



Not much has changed - Our furry friends still get the special attention they deserve. CH. Mai-Laur Devilish Duke ready for some beauty sleep - 1958.

Great Western Specialty – June 2006

The Great Western features four days of shows sponsored by Southern California kennel clubs and was held in Long Beach in June. The Southern California Miniature Schnauzer sponsored a Specialty as well as one of three annual National Specialties. Our Club was well represented, including handlers Joan Huber, Shawne Imler and Linda Drost. Members with dogs in the shows include Karen Surma, Laurese Katen, and Ann Hughes and Jasona Compton.



Sweepstakes winner, Southern California Specialty - Brooke Walker and "Stage" pictured with judge.



Club member Linda Drost (in pantsuit) showing off one of her own.



Mary Paisley of Wisconsin gets her dog stacked for presenting to the judge.



Judge Terrie Houck of North Carolina looks over the line-up of puppies at the National Specialty Sweeps.



Judge Houck and Sweepstakes winner Mary Paisley With AMSC VP, John Constantine, of PA.



Judge Houck, Carole Bawes and John Constantine pictured with Sweepstakes Best of Opposite Sex

Great Western – cont'd



Shawne Imler shows off Mai-Laur Black Enamel, owned by club member Laurese Katen, to Judge David Kirkland of North Carolina in Best of Breed competition.

May Club Meeting and June Picnic



Top: Everyone, including dogs, enjoyed the festivities at the May meeting, held at Cindy Sanders home.
Bottom: Ann Hughes and Jasona Compton contemplate a hotdog at the picnic, held at Joe and Ann Wade's.

A Chapter from MS Literature:

There is no psychiatrist in the world like a puppy licking your face.

-Ben Williams

A dog is the only thing on earth that loves you more than he loves himself.

-Josh Billings

We give dogs time we can spare, space we can spare and love we can spare.

And in return, dogs give us their all. It's the best deal man has ever made.

-M. Acklam

I wonder if other dogs think poodles are members of a weird religious cult.

-Rita Rudner

A dog teaches a boy fidelity, perseverance, and to turn around three times before lying down.

-Robert Benchley

Anybody who doesn't know what soap tastes like never washed a dog.

-Franklin P. Jones

If I have any beliefs about immortality, it is that certain dogs I have known will go to heaven, and very, very few persons.

-James Thurber

If your dog is fat, you aren't getting enough exercise.

-Unknown

My dog is worried about the economy because Alpo is up to \$3.00 a can. That's almost \$21.00 in dog money.

-Joe Weinstein

If you pick up a starving dog and make him prosperous, he will not bite you; that is the principal difference between a dog and a man.

-Mark Twain

You can say any foolish thing to a dog, and the dog will give you a look that says, 'Wow, you're right! I never would've thought of that!'

-Dave Barry

If you think dogs can't count, try putting three dog biscuits in your pocket and then give him only two of them.

-Phil Pastoret

Black Ribbon:

CH. Mai-Laur Silver Threads (Silver), Nov. 11, 1995 – June 21, 2006, owned and loved by Laurese Katen will be sorely missed. Silver was never sick and died peacefully in her sleep.



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