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COMMITTEE ON STATE AND
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2 CHAIRPERSON KAREN KOSLOWITZ: The Meeting
3 on State and Federal Legislation is about to begin.
4 Good morning and welcome, my name is Karen Koslowitz,
5 I am the Chairperson of the State and Federal
6 Legislation Committee. Today, we will be considering
7 the Mayor's message. First, I would like to
8 introduce the members of the committee that are
9 present at this time. Council Member Brad Lander,
10 Council Member Alan Maisel, and Council Member Ben
11 Kallos and my committee Danielle, and um, am I right?
12 [LAUGHING], you were looking at me, and Billy Martin,
13 I should know that by now.

14 The committee will hear and vote on
15 legislation to amend current state laws to allow New
16 York City to increase dog license fees to support
17 Animal Population Control and create incentives to
18 licensed dogs. Dog licensing in New York City is
19 currently regulated under state law. Chapter 115 of
20 the Laws of 1894, before my time, [LAUGHTER], sets
21 the dog licensing fee for spayed and neutered dogs in
22 the City of New York at \$8.50, which has been the
23 base fee for nearly 40 years. Chapter 115 permits
24 the City to set its own licensing fees for
25 unsterilized dogs in addition to the base fee, making

2 the total cost \$34 to license an unsterilized dog.
3 The proposed legislation would allow The City of New
4 York to set its own base fee by local law, provided
5 that the licensing fee for an unsterilized dog is at
6 least 85% greater than the base fee. This
7 legislation would also increase fines with failure to
8 license a dog from \$10 - \$75 for a first offense and
9 would allow the City to set the late fee, the
10 licensee currently set at \$2.00. This legislation
11 also specifies how money collected from fees and
12 penalties can be allocated detailing how such funds
13 are to be ear-marked to implement the law. Fund
14 animal shelters provide public education are
15 responsible pet ownership and subsidize the animal
16 population and control fund to support spay/neuter
17 programs. The legislation would provide the
18 Department of Health and Mental Hygiene with sole
19 authority to carry out the provisions of the act.
20 Current law permits private entities to issue
21 licenses on behalf of the City and authorizes that
22 they collect a dollar fee. However, the proposed
23 legislation would expand who can process license
24 applications and changes the collection fee to 10%
25 the total fee. If passed, this legislation will

2 provide much needed funding to our City Shelter
3 system, in addition to reducing the number of
4 unwanted and abandoned cats and dogs. It will also
5 provide Department of Health and Mental Hygiene with
6 the opportunity to expand and enhance its dog
7 licensing program which currently has low
8 participation rates. I would like to, uh, any of my
9 colleagues have any comments? Well that's a good
10 start, I don't even have any questions because this
11 seems really something that we need. I mean, not to
12 raise fees, but since 1940, is outrageous. I mean,
13 there's nothing, nothing, that hasn't had its fee
14 raised. So with that, does it take a vote? No, we
15 have wit...wait I'm sorry we have testimony, I'm sorry,
16 I'm so eager.

17 **[UNDISTINGUISHED MAN'S VOICE 00:05:17]**

18 CHAIRPERSON KAREN KOSLOWITZ: Well, they,
19 they were nice enough to come. So I think I'm gonna
20 call upon them. Corinne Schiff and Mario. Ok.

21 MARIO MERLINO: Merlino, Mario Merlino.
22 Uh, good morning Chairwoman Koslowitz, and members of
23 the Committee, my name is Mario Merlino, I am the
24 Assistant Commissioner for Veterinary and Pest
25 Control Services in the Division of Environmental

2 Health at the New York City Department of Health and
3 Mental Hygiene. To my right is, uh, Corinne Schiff,
4 who is our director of special projects in the
5 Division of Environmental Health. Thank you for
6 inviting me to testify in support of the Council's
7 home-rule message in support of A2046 and S5048
8 Legislation that would enhance shelter services in
9 New York City by allowing the City to set the
10 license, the dog license fee. The department has
11 pursued this legislation because its enactment would
12 enable the department to modernize its dog licensing
13 program, increase proportion in dogs that are
14 licensed and raise critical revenue to support the
15 animals cared for in the City's animal shelters and I
16 will briefly go over a few, uh, key reasons, um, for
17 our support of the bill. Uh, New York City should
18 have first bullet -

- 19 • New York City should have the same
20 authority the same as other New
21 York City localities. The New York
22 State Agricultural Markets Law that
23 directs localities to issue dog
24 licenses and authorizes them to
25 charge an amount they see fit. Uh,

2 but New York City is different from
3 all other municipalities in that it
4 is governed by an unconsolidated
5 law enacted in 1894 and not this
6 agri-markets uh, statute. The 19...,
7 the 1894, 1894 law mandates that
8 the City issue dog licenses, but
9 prohibits the City from
10 establishing the license fee. This
11 legislation would establish a
12 uniform approach to dog licensing
13 around the state.

14 The licen...SECOND BULLET

- 15 • The license fee was intended to
16 fully support animal care and
17 control activities but no longer
18 uh, covers even the cost of issuing
19 the license. A license for altered
20 dogs in New York City, uh, cost dog
21 owners only \$8.50, an amount that
22 has not changed since 1974, uh and
23 it is now, as you can see, from the
24 graph at the bottom of my written
25 testimony, one of the lowest of any

2 major city in the country. Uh, the
3 revenue generated by dog licensing
4 was intended to help defray the
5 costs of the Animal Care and
6 Control Program because it has
7 remained at \$8.50 for 40 years it
8 no longer even costs the issuing of
9 the license. This legislation
10 would allow the New York City
11 Council working with the Department
12 of Health, to set an appropriate
13 dog license fee.

14 Third bullet -

- 15 • New York City will seek local
16 legislation to raise revenue and
17 enable improved animal care
18 services. If the legislation is
19 enacted, New York City will seek
20 local legislation to set a
21 reasonable license fee and generate
22 revenue needed to support
23 improvements underway in the City
24 Animal Shelters. Uh, thanks to the
25 City Council, the Department has

2 increased the budget for New York
3 Animal Care and Control, the non-
4 profit under contract to operate
5 the animal shelters already by more
6 than two-thirds and by 2015, by
7 77%, improving veterinary care and
8 shelter maintenance. These
9 enhancements make sheltered animals
10 more likely to be placed in new
11 homes. Obtaining a license will be
12 easier for dog owners. The
13 legislation will make it easier for
14 dog owners to obtain licenses in a
15 variety of ways. Um, the
16 legislation would provide added
17 incentives with third-parties that
18 issue licenses and we will work to
19 facilitate licensing at point of
20 sale such as veterinary clients and
21 pet events. The city will improve
22 online licensing, streamlining it
23 to enable dog owners to certify the
24 spay/neuter status of their dog and
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2 two, if they wish, to purchase
3 multi-year license.

4 Thank you for allowing me to testify and
5 we will take any questions that you have.

6 CHAIRPERSON KAREN KOSLOWITZ: Questions?

7 Yes, Council Member Kallos.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER BEN KALLOS: Uh, thank you
9 to our Chair for our leadership and, uh, thank you
10 for uh, this amazing, uh, legi...legislation. What can
11 the City do to encourage more for adoptions, and...and
12 discourage, um, mills, and other uh, sources of
13 animals...

14 MARIO MERLINO: Well I,...

15 COUNCIL MEMBER BEN KALLOS: ...with, with
16 regards to licensing?

17 MARIO MERLINO: Uh, with regard to
18 licensing...well I think the, the licensing is
19 important for two, two big reasons. One is uh, it
20 will help...having a dog license is the best way to
21 ensure so that if your pet, if it, if it separated
22 from you, returns to you. It's a, a uh, um, uh, AC&C
23 has a program called "Free Ride Home". They'll
24 actually um, bring your pet directly, uh, back to
25 your house, uh, if the pet gets lost so uh, it's an

2 important component in comp...compared to not having
3 pets wind up at the shelter and the other thing I
4 think it does, um, probably the most important thing
5 it does it provides um, critical funding for both the
6 shelters and for spay and neuter programs in a
7 differential, uh, that we collect for on unaltered
8 dogs is, is 100% of that is used for um, spay and
9 neuter services um, that we contract with the ASPCA
10 and TOBIES Fund to provide. And so those spay and
11 neuter services are you know, reducing the, the
12 population of unwanted dogs and homeless dogs and,
13 and uh, cats that will wind up at the shelters.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER BEN KALLOS: Thank you
15 very much, again, anything that we can do to
16 encourage adoptions and uh, keep, take care of our
17 animals, is, is huge, and, and, to quote the Price is
18 Right, "Please spay and neuter your pets."

19 MARIO MERLINO: I agree.

20 CHAIRPERSON KAREN KOSLOWITZ: Thank you
21 very much. You have?...No. Thank you, any other
22 questions? Anybody else? We've been joined by
23 Council Member Espinal and Council Member Dickens.
24 Uh, Reesa Weinstock and Michelle Villa-Gomez?

25 [PAUSE 00:12:08 - 00:12:58)

2 REESA WEINSTOCK: Good morning Chair

3 Person Koslowitz and members of the Committee on
4 State and Federal Legislation, my name is Reesa

5 Weinstock, I'm the Executive Director of General
6 Counsel of Animal Care and Control of New York City.

7 I'm testifying in support of both bills and the
8 proposed legislative efforts to address the current
9 efficiencies with respect to licensing OF dogs in New

10 York City. A valid dog license is one of the
11 smartest and responsible decisions a dog owner can
12 make. Having taken in 11,726 dogs into our care in
13 2013 AC&C welcomes this legislation. A valid license

14 would have enabled us to more efficiently and quickly
15 identify the owner of a lost or stray dog. Every
16 legislative effort to help AC&C to get more animals

17 out of the shelter system sooner, or that enables
18 City Council to increase financial support for THE

19 services AC&C provides will serve to improve the
20 health and welfare of the pets and people of New York
21 City. Let me take a few moments to explain a little

22 about AC&C in order to put our perspective on this
23 legislation into better context. AC&C is one of the
24 largest animal welfare organizations in the North

25 East and unique in the animal welfare community of

2 New York City because we are the only organization
3 that takes in and cares for more than 30,000 animals
4 each year in the five boroughs. AC&C was established
5 in 1995 as a 501C-3 Not-For-Profit organization,
6 dedicated to rescuing, caring for and through
7 adoptions to the public, and certain rescue groups,
8 finding loving homes for homeless and abandoned
9 animals in New York City. Through a contract with
10 the City of New York and DOH, AC&C operates five
11 facilities, one in each borough, that are open
12 admission, meaning that each center accepts any
13 animal that comes through its doors, regardless of
14 the behavior they are exhibiting, the condition
15 they're in, or their medical status. We are the only
16 not-for-profit animal welfare organization in New
17 York City that is open admissions. We receive
18 animals of all kinds at each of these locations,
19 primarily cats and dogs but also rabbits, snakes,
20 birds, reptiles, and, on occasion various farm
21 animals. As part of our contract with the City, AC&C
22 seeks to find homes for stray dogs, cats and rabbits.
23 Of the 30,000-plus animals the AC&C took in last year
24 11,726 were dogs. These numbers include owner
25 surrenders, owner request for euthanasia, strays,

2 returns and animals brought in by the police. Of
3 this number 6,436 were stray dogs and we were only
4 able to reunite less than a quarter with their owner
5 through a dog license, micro-chip or some other lost
6 and found efforts. In just the past four months we
7 have taken in close to 2,000 stray dogs and that
8 number will continue to climb all year round. A dog
9 license enhances AC&C's chances of finding the owner
10 of a lost dog, thereby reducing the length of that
11 dog's stay at the shelter. This in turn, reduces the
12 burden on the shelter system in terms of capacity to
13 care, personnel time and space, as well as the cost
14 of caring for another animal. The license is one of
15 the most effective sources of information that our
16 customer care officers rely on to reunite a lost pet
17 with their family. Additionally, if our field
18 officers are able to identify an owner through a
19 current dog license found on a stray dog's collar,
20 then that dog may be able to get what we call "a free
21 ride home" from one of our drivers, rather than being
22 added to the already crowded shelter population.
23 Unfortunately, many of the stray animals in our care
24 arrive with no license and remain unclaimed.
25 Consequently, there is never a shortage of dogs or

2 other animals available for adoption at AC&C. But
3 even more unfortunate is that unclaimed dogs that
4 become ill or show signs of behavior concern become
5 at risk of euthanasia. AC&C strongly supports this
6 legislation because the impact of a dog license has
7 on our ability to reduce just one dog's length of a
8 stay by immediately identifying their owner and that
9 could mean one less dog at risk in the shelter. The
10 number of animals at AC&C takes in is staggering and
11 requires a steady source of resources to ensure that
12 each of these animals may receive the optimum care
13 and optimum chance at adoption or placement,
14 including being returned to their owner. Through
15 significant additional funding over the past two and
16 a half-years City Council has enabled AC&C to make
17 more good changes and steady improvements across the
18 entire organization. We've expanded our staff from
19 135 to 215, extended hours and days of operations at
20 the shelters, receiving centers, call centers and in
21 the field, improved the adoptions process, upgraded
22 facilities and most importantly, increased the number
23 of live outcomes from the shelter system. This
24 translates to a live release rate of 82% in 2013 but
25 we continue to be faced with the challenges of 30,000

2 animals arriving and staying at AC&C. Additional
3 funding is essential to not only maintain, but to
4 continue to drive improvement. Securing funding
5 through shelters through higher licensing fees and
6 making it easier for dog owners to obtain licenses,
7 can help ensure that AC&C's efforts can continue to
8 expand and improve providing greater protection to
9 the health and welfare of all pets and people in New
10 York City. The proposed dog license legislation
11 helps promote responsible pet ownership and community
12 involvement. AC&C has been ensuring dogs adopted
13 from our shelters are licensed, as well as altered,
14 micro-chipped and vaccinated for nearly two decades.
15 We welcome the support of the City Council to
16 encourage the same of all dog owners and third
17 parties throughout the City. Thank you for the
18 opportunity to testify and I am happy to take any
19 questions.

20 CHAIRPERSON KAREN KOSLOWITZ: Any
21 questions? Council Member Maisel?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER ALAN N. MAISEL: I
23 just wanted to uh, confirm what you said about
24 all animals. Last year I rescued a Yellow-
25 Bellied Eastern Woodpecker and I brought it to

2 the Linden Boulevard, uh, facility, and they
3 took very, very good care of the bird and I
4 wanted to thank you. It is my first
5 opportunity to thank uh, Animal Control.

6 REESA WEINSTOCK: Ok, thank you very
7 much.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER ALAN N. MAISEL: The
9 other thing I just wanted to mention, it's not
10 really directed to you, but we're now in the
11 middle of May. The legislature uh, adjourns
12 sometime on June 20th, whatever the day of the
13 week that happens to be. Um, with the crush
14 of business that has to be for the
15 legislature, um, this legislation, as
16 important as it is, should have been done in
17 January/February, or maybe just after the
18 budget, um, I think this bill is going to get
19 crushed in the effort to get it out of Albany,
20 so um, it really needs to be done, but
21 un...unfortunately, I think it's going to end
22 having to wait until next year. Um, I would
23 hope that we do something in Albany to make
24 sure that, uh, the Kavinaugh-Serrano Bill gets
25 some attention.

2 CHAIRPERSON KAREN KOSLOWITZ: Maybe we
3 can write a letter of a um,...

4 COUNCIL MEMBER ALAN N. MAISEL: Well
5 we, uh, I think the City should be in touch
6 with uh, Senator Serrano...

7 CHAIRPERSON KAREN KOSLOWITZ: Yes.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER ALAN N. MAISEL: and
9 Kavinaugh to find out where the bill is and
10 uh, um, because if it hasn't even gone before
11 the Agricultural Committee, um, then it's
12 unlikely that it's going to get some
13 attention. We have to, really have to make a
14 push just to make sure it happens.

15 CHAIRPERSON KAREN KOSLOWITZ: I will call
16 them to find out exactly where it is. Anybody else?
17 Next.

18 MICHELLE VILLA-GOMEZ: Good morning I'm
19 Michelle Villa-Gomez, New York City Legislative
20 Director for the American Society for the Prevention
21 of Cruelty to Animals. On behalf of the ASPCA and
22 its over 70,000 New York City supporters, I'd like to
23 thank the Committee on State and Federal Legislation
24 and Madame Chairwoman Kaslowitz for holding this
25 hearing to discuss legislation at the state level

2 which would impact New York City's animals and the
3 people that care for them. The ASPCA supports the
4 Mayor's message requesting that the State Legislature
5 pass A2046 Introduced by Assembly Member Kavinaugh
6 and S5048 by Senator Serrano, which would amend
7 current laws relating to Animal Control of the Animal
8 Population Control Fund and licensing animals in New
9 York City. The ASPCA advocates for programs that
10 provide incentives to the public to spay/neuter their
11 companion animals. We have previously supported
12 legislation at the state and local level that allow
13 the city to raise the license fee for an unaltered
14 dog with the differential going to fund the animal
15 population control program, which provides low-income
16 New Yorker's access to spay/neuter services. We have
17 also advocated for mandating licensing at point of
18 transfer. For example, adoption or sale, as well as
19 authorizing veterinarians, Humane Society, shelters,
20 pet shops, boarding and grooming and training
21 facilities to sell dog licenses. This bill would
22 accomplish those objectives. The proposed
23 legislation aims to modernize New York City's
24 outdated dog licensing laws and establish a dedicated
25 revenue stream for its animal population control

2 program. Specifically, it would allow New York City
3 to set its based-dog license fee and it would create
4 revenue for the animal population control fund with
5 three-quarters of each monetary penalty collected for
6 violations being designated to the fund. This
7 legislation presents New York City with an
8 opportunity to easily invest in its animal care and
9 control program. However, in order to maximize on
10 the potential revenue, we must continue to work to
11 increase compliance with the dog licensing
12 requirement. According to the Fiscal Year 2013
13 Mayor's Management Report 83,000 licenses were issued
14 less than in Fiscal year 2012, when it issued 93,000.
15 Failure to implement an effective dog licensing
16 program has resulted in the loss to the city of
17 millions of dollars in revenue annually. Pending
18 legislation would increase those revenues further if
19 we continue to work, uh, to encourage compliance.
20 The ASPCA, um, has been working with the Department
21 of Health and the City Council, um, to help uh,
22 increase access dog licensing and education about dog
23 licensing and we will continue to do so. And as
24 mentioned by the Department of Health's testimony um,
25 we are also part of um, the Spay/Neuter Animal

2 Population Control Fund. We've been providing low
3 cost spay/neuter um, in the five boroughs and we will
4 continue to supplement these efforts. Um, we look
5 forward to providing helpful and creative input when
6 the Council considers restructuring the licensing
7 protocol fee schedule. Um, we want to work with the
8 Council and the Department of Health to ensure that
9 the new based dog license fee is reasonable so that
10 it doesn't result in another barrier to licensing.
11 Thank you.

12 CHAIRPERSON KAREN KOSLOWITZ: Next Jane
13 Hoffman and Edita Birnkrant.

14 EDITA BIRNKRANT: Good morning, um, my
15 name is Edita Birnkrant, and I'm the Campaign's
16 Director for Friends of Animals. Um, we are an
17 international profit animal advocacy organization
18 founded in New York in 1957. FOA has um, helped lead
19 the effort to curve the pet overpopulation crisis by
20 continually running the first nation-wide low-cost
21 spay/neuter program for cats and dogs. Since our
22 founding, we have facilitated over 2.6 million
23 spay/neuter surgeries through this program and we
24 work to promote pet adoptions at our city shelters
25 and educate the public on responsible pet ownership.

2 Friends of Animals strongly supports the resolution
3 in support of Bill A2046 and S5048, pertaining to the
4 licensing of dogs in New York City. We support
5 passage of these bills in the Senate and Assembly and
6 will urge our New York members and supporters to do
7 so as well. New York City should have the same
8 authority to set the license fee as other New York
9 localities and this legislation would enable that.
10 The current dog license fee for altered dogs in New
11 York City is \$8.50, an amount that has not changed
12 since 1974. This very low rate is one of the lowest
13 fees in the state and of any major city in the
14 county. As a comparison, Philadelphia's fee is \$16,
15 San Francisco's fee is \$21 and Miami's fee is \$27.
16 It's necessary to increase the fee so that New York
17 City will no longer lose money on its State-mandated
18 licensing program and this legislation would allow
19 the New York City Council to do so. The dog license
20 fee was intended to support animal care and control
21 activities, but as the fee has remained the same for
22 nearly 40 years, it no longer even covers the cost of
23 issuing the license. An increase is long way
24 overdue. Local legislation to raise the license fee
25 will generate a much-needed revenue to support

2 ongoing improvements in our City's animal shelters.
3 In doing so, we can ensure better veterinary care,
4 shelter maintenance and in turn, increase adoptions.
5 This legislation will also make it easier for dog
6 owners to obtain licenses by allowing private
7 providers to keep 10% of the license fee, rather than
8 the current one dollar. Instead of only obtaining
9 licenses from the City, veterinarians, pet shops and
10 others could sell licenses to dog owners. The bill
11 would also change the law to allow dog owners to
12 certify that their dog has been sterilized in order
13 to be eligible for the lower license fee for altered
14 dog instead of requiring documentation from a vet or
15 a notarized statement. The licensing requirement
16 would also change current law for dog owners with
17 unlicensed dogs to impose a fine instead of criminal
18 penalties and seizures of their dog. Thank you.

19 JANE HOFFMAN: Hello my name is Jane
20 Hoffman and I am here to testify on behalf of the New
21 York City Bar Association, which, uh, is in support
22 of this legislation. I think that DOH, AC&C, Friends
23 of Animals and the ASPCA has set forth the case so I
24 am not going to bore you with reading my testimony,
25 which you have in front of you, um, we are in support

2 of this, um, Home Rule - to allow us to set our own
3 dog licenses. I'd also like to say that I also have
4 on another hat, I am the President for the Mayor's
5 Alliance for New York City's Animals and we work very
6 closely with AC&C and actually DOH on dog licensing,
7 lost and found and we are also strongly in support of
8 this legislation, thank you.

9 CHAIRPERSON KAREN KOSLOWITZ:: Thank you.
10 Since there is no other testimony, um, this meeting
11 is adjourned.

12 VOICES: We have to vote.

13 CHAIRPERSON KAREN KOSLOWITZ: Oh vote.

14 [LAUGHTER]

15 CHAIRPERSON KAREN KOSLOWITZ: There's a
16 press conference downstairs that is in my mind.

17 [LAUGHING] I'm sorry, um, okay. Call the roll.

18 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK:
19 Roll call vote, Committee on State and Federal
20 Legislation, pre-concerted M Council Member
21 Koslowitz.

22 CHAIRPERSON KAREN KOSLOWITZ: I vote Aye.

23 CLERK: Dickens

24 COUNCIL MEMBER INEZ DICKENS: Aye

25 CLERK: Lander

2 COUNCIL MEMBER BRAD S. LANDER: Aye

3 CLERK: Espinal

4 RAFAEL L. ESPINAL, JR.: Aye

5 CLERK: Kallos

6 COUNCIL MEMBER BEN KALLOS: Aye, please
7 remember to spay and neutily...[LAUGHTER] or neuter
8 your pets.

9 CLERK: Maisel

10 COUNCIL MEMBER ALAN N. MAISEL: Aye

11 CLERK: By vote of six in the
12 affirmative, zero in the negative and no
13 abstention[sp], item has been adopted.
14 Members please sign the committee report.
15 Thank you.

16 CHAIRPERSON KAREN KOSLOWITZ: Thank you.
17 I'm gonna hold the vote open for another uh, half
18 hour since uh, some of our colleagues are not here.
19 They may be at the press conference so I'm gonna hold
20 it open so they can vote. Thank you and thank you
21 for being here and testifying.

22 CLERK: The following vote in Committee
23 on State and Federal Legislation pre-concerted M
24 Senate Number 5048 Assembly 2046 has been adopted by
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COMMITTEE ON STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATION

a vote of six in the affirmative, zero in the
negative, no abstentions. Thank you.

[gavel]

C E R T I F I C A T E

World Wide Dictation certifies that the foregoing transcript is a true and accurate record of the proceedings. We further certify that there is no relation to any of the parties to this action by blood or marriage, and that there is interest in the outcome of this matter.



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