“In this photo, I am holding Clarissa, a wonderful hen whose sister hen is Cookie. I don't know if they are actual sisters, but since coming to our sanctuary in July, they are always together, day and night. Since Cookie didn't want to be brought into my office to have her picture taken, she waited outside, greeting Clarissa happily when Clarissa returned to the yard to be back at her side.” – Karen Davis
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9:00 am  Registration Opens

Presentations

10:00 – 10:50 am  Renee King-Sonnen, Rowdy Girl Sanctuary
Transforming Tradition & Cultural Mores in the Heart of Texas

10 minute break

11:00 – 11:50 am  JoAnn Farb, author and activist
Under Pressure -- Social Justice Progress Amidst Societal Group Coercion

10 minute break

12:00 – 12:50 pm  Karen Davis, United Poultry Concerns
The “Ethics” of Eviscerating Farmed Animals for “Better Welfare”

12:50 – 2:00 pm  Lunch

2:00 – 4:00 pm  Cell-Based Meat Debate

Resolve: Cell-Based Meat is Good for Animals

For the Motion: Bruce Friedrich, Good Food Institute &
Leah Garces, Mercy For Animals

Against the Motion: Vasile Stanescu, PhD &
John Sanbonmastu, PhD

10 minute break

4:10 – 5:00 pm  Panel Discussion, Question & Answer Session
Join us for the unbelievable story of a multi-generation Texas cattle rancher’s wife’s compassionate transformation to not only a vegan diet, but saving all her animals destined for slaughter. Renee King-Sonnen created Rowdy Girl Sanctuary (www.rowdygirlsanctuary.org), an oasis of kindness in the heart of Texas. Renee will share stories of the animals she has come to know and love, reveal how social media was essential to her story going viral, and tell us about the groundbreaking Rancher Advocacy Program assisting other ranchers to make the compassionate choice and transition away from animal farming.

Renee King-Sonnen was born and raised in Houston, Texas and is the founder of Rowdy Girl Sanctuary. Renee and her husband, Tommy, owned a cattle ranch in Angleton, TX. She fell in love with all the farm animals on the ranch, but after witnessing time and again the ranch’s baby calves going to the sale barn, she became distraught about the inherent cruelty of the ranching business. She went vegan and began her pursuit of a dream to open a farmed animal sanctuary. As a result of her transformation, their story has been seen all over the United States on CBS, ABC, RFD, and Animal Planet. Rancher families reached out to and related to Renee, and it wasn’t long before the Rancher Advocacy Program (RAP) was born. RAP is on a fast pace to help animal farmers transition to sustainable business models that are good for the planet, the animals and the farmer.

Working in the pharmaceutical industry, JoAnn Farb saw good people enabling harmful things. Although most of us think we’d have spoken out against culturally sanctioned injustices of the past that are so obvious to us today, we underestimate how susceptible we may be to social pressure, and how it can keep us from even seeing what is harmful. By comparing our cultural norms to past oppressive mindsets, we are less likely to be the people that future generations will ask, “Why didn’t they do something?”

JoAnn Farb is a former microbiologist with a global pharmaceutical company, a nutrition educator, the mother of two lifelong vegan daughters and the author of Compassionate Souls -- Raising the Next Generation to Change the World. JoAnn is working on her third book, Gluten – The Science that Explains the Popularity of Paleo, Low-Carb and Keto, which answers why some people fail to thrive on plant-based diets, and how those who already avoid gluten can best reduce their future risk of chronic disease. She has a website and blog at www.JoAnnFarb.com.

The “Ethics” of Eviscerating Farmed Animals for “Better Welfare”

With Karen Davis
12:00 – 12:50 pm

What if scientists could create chickens and other farmed animals whose “adjustment” to industrial confinement consisted in their inability to experience their own existence? As long as they don’t “feel” anything, is this...
ethical? What if the chicken’s brain could be scientifically expunged by, say, genetically removing the chicken’s cerebral cortex? Some researchers and animal welfarists equate removing brain, sensation, and body parts of factory-farmed animals with the “removal of suffering.” I will examine this claim and present my own opinion of the ethics of evisceration as an animal “welfare” advantage.

Karen Davis, PhD is the president and founder of United Poultry Concerns, a nonprofit organization and sanctuary for chickens in Virginia that promotes the compassionate and respectful treatment of domestic fowl. Karen is the author of More Than A Meal: The Turkey in History, Myth, Ritual, and Reality; Prisoned Chickens, Poisoned Eggs: An Inside Look at the Modern Poultry Industry; and The Holocaust and the Henmaid’s Tale: A Case for Comparing Atrocities. She has been inducted into the National Animal Rights Hall of Fame for Outstanding Contributions to Animal Liberation. www.upc-online.org/karenbio.htm

Cell-Based Meat Debate
2:00 – 4:00 pm

As innovations in modern food production continue to emerge, one potential product, that isn’t even on the market yet, is getting a lot of attention. Cell-based meat (also called cultured meat, in-vitro meat, slaughter-free meat, lab-grown meat, and clean meat) is gaining prominence. Sometimes called cellular agriculture, cell-based meat uses cells from a living animal and grows them in a culture medium that provides nutrients. The growing cells are stimulated on a periodically moving scaffold to mimic muscle movement. The end result is a commercial meat product.

Some animal advocacy organizations, as well as animal agriculture heavy hitters like Tyson foods, are investing in the research, viability, and marketability of cell-based meats. But as the technology becomes more of a possibility, others in the animal rights community have raised red flags. The debate over cell-based meat and whether we, as animal activists, should be putting our time and resources into this innovation is gaining traction. We feel that animal advocates need to know more about this emerging issue and are hosting a debate with leading experts on the subject.


Resolve: Cell-Based Meat is Good for Animals

Moderator: Hope Bohanec, UPC

The Debaters: For the Motion
Bruce Friedrich, Good Food Institute
Leah Garces, Mercy For Animals

Against the Motion
Vasile Stanescu, PhD
John Sanbonmastu, PhD

Bruce Friedrich is executive director of The Good Food Institute (GFI - www.gfi.org), a nonprofit organization that promotes innovative alternatives to industrially produced animal products. Bruce has penned opinion pieces for USA Today, The Wall Street Journal, Los Angeles Times, and many other publications. Bruce is a popular speaker on college campuses and has presented repeatedly at most of the nation's top universities, including Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Stanford, and MIT. He has coauthored two books, contributed chapters to six books, and authored seven law review articles. Bruce graduated magna cum laude from Georgetown Law and Phi Beta Kappa from Grinnell College. He also holds degrees from Johns Hopkins University and the London School of Economics.
Leah Garces is the president of Mercy For Animals (www.mercyforanimals.org), founder of Compassion in World Farming USA, and author of the forthcoming book GRILLED: Turning adversaries to allies in the fight to change the chicken industry. She is an animal advocate who has partnered with some of the largest food companies in the world with a mission to end the exploitation of animals for food. Her work has been featured in many national and international media outlets including The New York Times, The Washington Post, Buzzfeed, Vice Magazine, and The Chicago Tribune among others. She’s a contributing author to The Huffington Post and Food Safety News. Leah serves on the advisory board of Encompass and Seattle Food Tech. She is also the mom of three incredible kids.

Vasile Stanescu received his PhD in the program of Modern Thought and Literature (MTL) at Stanford University. He is currently Assistant Professor of Communication at Mercer University. His current research interests include locavorism, humane meat, invasive species, the linkages between food and colonialism, and the intersection between environmentalism and animal studies. Vasile is co-senior editor of the Critical Animal Studies book series published by Rodopi/Brill and the former co-editor of the Journal for Critical Animal Studies. He is the author of over 20 peer-reviewed publications on critical animal studies, and his research has been recognized by The Woods Institute for the Environment, Minding Animals International, The Andrew Mellon Foundation, and the Culture and Animals Foundation, among others.

John Sanbonmatsu, PhD is associate professor of philosophy at Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Massachusetts. John’s work in critical animal studies probes the nature of speciesism as a mode of production (particularly as it intersects with capitalism). His articles and essays have appeared in The Huffington Post, The Christian Science Monitor, and other venues. In addition, he is the editor of the book, Critical Theory and Animal Liberation (2014), and author of The Postmodern Prince (2004). At present, he is at work on a new book, The Omnivore’s Deception, about the ecological crisis, the myth of humane meat, and the troubling nature of our relations with other animals.

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Yellville, Arkansas Turkey Trot Festival: What Happened in October 2018?


“A Thanksgiving story about the limits of human empathy.” - The Atlantic

For about seventy years, since the 1940s, the rural town of Yellville, Arkansas in the Ozarks has dropped live turkeys from an airplane as part of its annual October Turkey Trot Festival. Most years, the Yellville Area Chamber of Commerce has either sponsored the “turkey drop” or let it be done unofficially. This year, however, as we reported in the Summer issue of Poultry Press, the Mid-Marion County Rotary Club assumed sponsorship of the festival, “but only if no live turkeys are on the premises or dropped from airplanes,” Rotary Club president elect Stan Duffy told reporters.

In April, the Chamber of Commerce announced it would no longer sponsor the festival, because the bad publicity generated by animal activists had become “detrimental to local businesses.”

So this year, October came and went with no word about the festival.

But in November, an article about the Yellville “turkey drop” was published on The Atlantic magazine’s website www.theatlantic.com. In “Tossing a Bird that Does Not Fly Out of a Plane,” journalist Annie Lowrey describes her visit to this year’s festival, where “much to the dismay and consternation of many locals – there are no live turkeys. None in a cage towed behind a pickup. None thrown from the courthouse roof. None pitched off the bandstand and picked up by screaming teenagers. And none dropped out of an airplane.”

Linking to a United Poultry Concerns internet post dated October 14, 2015, in which we quoted from the December 5, 1989 National Enquirer photo-article, “Helpless Birds Crippled & Killed in Festival of Death,” Lowrey cites the documentary evidence and eyewitness testimonies of what happens “when you drop a turkey from hundreds of feet in the air. The panicked animals try to right themselves. Some catch a gust. Others do not. Some die when they hit the ground. Others survive with broken bones. Yet others are grievously injured when they are fought over by local kids. Some perish of apparent shock.”

Many Ozark residents work in poultry slaughter plants, into which Lowrey provides a glimpse of the ongoing human brutality and animal agony. Residents say they don’t see why animal activists focus on the turkey drop, affecting only a few turkeys, compared with the thousands of turkeys being slaughtered every day for meateaters, many of whom may oppose dropping turkeys from an airplane, while defending or not caring about what turkeys endure to be eaten.

The “limits of empathy” in most people include her own attitude, Lowrey writes. In essence, the conundrum boils down to: “The Turkey Trot is a carnival of disgusting and tasteless excess, but Thanksgiving is just Thanksgiving.”

Tucked in the article is Lowrey’s moving account of meeting a turkey in Yellville named George, who survived being thrown from a plane and now lives with a family who loves and respects him. George’s companion, Paul, survived the airplane ordeal only to die soon after reaching this haven of peace, and George has suffered emotionally from the loss of his friend.

Lowrey’s treatment of this sadness is sensitive but also rather mocking, as if her own sensitivity and the feelings of a turkey or any “animal” cannot or should not be taken too seriously. Most people, it seems, can care about a single animal or two, but not about...
thousands or millions of them. Yet the “limits of empathy” theory is ambiguous, since learning to care about one animal has led many people to care about all the “anonymous” ones as well.

Though no turkeys were visible at this year’s festival, Keith Edmonds of the Chamber of Commerce told Lowrey afterward, “You know, there were actually turkeys released from a plane this year. It was just kept quiet, I guess. Happened on Friday, They released on the south end of the city limits and I don’t know for sure if or how many were released on Saturday.”

Lowrey: “Do you know anybody who might have either seen it happen or picked up the birds?”

Edmonds: “I just know about it from a Facebook post. No idea.”

This tip takes her to Yellville resident Wesley Shipman, who says, “Nothing was hurt or anything. I never even got out of my vehicle.”

Birds were not thrown from a plane this year, just off the back of a truck – a “small, private bird-throwing event for devoted locals.”

Shipman, “It’s nothing official, so everybody goes away happy.”

Not happy.

Butterball is constructing a huge new turkey slaughter plant just outside of Yellville. As long as people eat turkeys and other farmed animals, there will always be “Hellville” including the types of “sports” that arise instinctively from cultures of slaughter.

The Traumas Felt By a Turkey Being Thrown From an Airplane

It is not true that turkeys per se can’t fly. Wild turkeys can fly 50 MPH. A look at wild turkey photos shows them flying, not just “fluttering” through tree branches. The issue isn’t whether turkeys can fly; it’s that they don’t normally fly hundreds of feet above ground. It’s that being pushed out of an airplane is not only terrifying and unnatural for them, but the air pressure of the plane overwhelms their ability to orient themselves. The plane’s roaring engine noise adds to the trauma these birds are experiencing. In addition, they are already in a state of chronic fear as a result of having been helplessly surrounded their entire lives by humans who despise and abuse them.

It is true that turkeys bred specifically for industrial breast meat production can’t fly due to their abnormal weight and related problems of physical disproportion and cardiopulmonary weakness, but they don’t appear to be the kinds of birds traditionally thrown out of airplanes in Yellville. Such turkeys would crash to the ground like a wingless creature, and be dead on arrival. – United Poultry Concerns
Turkeys – Who Are They, and Why Should We Care?

By Karen Davis, PhD, President of United Poultry Concerns

This article was originally published on Independent Media Institute’s EcoWatch, Nov. 19, 2018.

This article was also published in Spirit of Change Magazine and Salon, online.

We adopted Amelia as a young turkey into our sanctuary from a local farmer. She lived with us for five years until her legs gave out, and we had to call our veterinarian to put her to rest, surrounded by her friends in the yard. Until then she hung out happily with the chickens and ducks, and when people visited, she’d fan out her white tail feathers and stroll amiably beside them.

Amelia chose a leafy spot to lay her eggs, and there she would sit quietly in the spring and early summer. She loved being outside with the ducks in the evenings, poking around until the last glimmer of sinking sunlight. At last, she and they would amble into their house and join the chickens who were already perched for the night.

I believe Amelia would have made a wonderful mother, but our sanctuary policy does not allow bringing new birds into the world from which ours is a refuge. That said, it helps to know that turkeys are excellent mothers and that in nature, the young birds, known as poults, stay close to her for nearly half a year. When the maternal family is on the move and one poult peeps his or her distress, the mother bird clucks reassuringly, and if the peeping persists, she rushes to comfort her little one.

When her poults grew tired and cold, they told her so, and she crouches to warm and comfort them under her great, enveloping wings. If, when traveling as a unit through the woods and fields, a youngster happens to stray, intent on his own pursuit, on discovering that he is alone, the poult straightens up, looks keenly about, listens intently, and calls anxiously to his mother. Biologists call this a “lost call”—the call of the frightened young turkey upon perceiving that he is alone. When the mother bird answers her errant youngster’s searching cry, he calls back to her in relief, opens up his wings, flaps them joyfully and runs to rejoin his family.

In nature, baby turkeys start talking to their mother while they are still inside their eggs nestled with their brothers and sisters in the deep warmth of her feathers. They know her, her voice and each other long before they hatch. Whenever I think of turkeys in the mechanical incubators and the beak-mutilation “servicing” rooms, and all the horrors that follow, I imagine the lost calls of all the turkeys that will never be answered. For them, there will never be a joyous flapping of wings or a family reunited and on the move in the wooded places they so love to explore.

Sanctuary workers like myself who’ve come to know turkeys bred for the meat industry know that these birds have not lost their ancestral desire to perch, mate, walk, run and be sociable—and even to swim. We know that their inability to mate properly does not result from a loss of desire to do so, but from human-caused disabilities, including the fact that their claws and much of their beaks were cut off or burned off at the hatchery, making it hard for them to hold on to anything. Like Amelia, they’re susceptible to painful degenerative leg disorders that limit their spontaneous activity and cause them to age long before their natural 15-year lifespan.

Turkeys are emotional birds whose moods can be seen in their demeanor and in the pulsing colors of
their faces, which turn blue, purple or red depending on what they are feeling. An emotional behavior in turkeys is the “great wake” a group will hold over a fallen companion in the natural world and on factory farms. When, as frequently happens on factory farms, a bird has a convulsive heart attack, several others will surround their dead companion and suddenly die themselves, suggesting a sensibility toward one another that should awaken us to how terribly we treat them, and make us stop.

Observers have marveled at the great speed of sound transplantation from one bird to another within a flock at a moment’s danger, and the pronounced degree of simultaneous gobbling of adult male turkeys in proximity to one another. One bird having begun, the others follow him so quickly that the human ear cannot figure which bird launched the chorus or caused it to cease.

Turkeys love to play and have fun. In his book *Illumination in the Flatwoods: A Season with the Wild Turkey*, naturalist Joe Hutto describes how on August mornings his 3-month-old turkeys, on seeing him, would drop down from their roosting limbs where they had sat “softly chattering” in the dawn, “stretch their wings and do their strange little dance, a joyful happy dance, expressing an exuberance.”

A witness who chanced upon an evening dance of adult turkeys wrote of hearing them calling. No, he said, they were not calling strayed members of their flock. They were just having “a twilight frolic before going to roost. They kept dashing at one another in mock anger, stridently calling all the while. ... Their notes were bold and clear.”

For about five minutes, according to this witness, the turkeys “played on the brown pine-straw floor of the forest, then as if at a signal, they assumed a sudden stealth and stole off in the glimmering shadows.”

We once had two female turkeys in our sanctuary, Mila and Priscilla. Though the same age of a few months old, they were very different from each other. Mila was calm and gentle, whereas Priscilla was moody with emotional burdens, including anger. When Priscilla got into her angry mood, her head pulsed purple colors and her yelps sounded a warning as she glared at my husband and me with combat in her demeanor, ready to charge and perhaps bite us.

What stopped her was Mila. Perking up her head at the signals, Mila would enter directly into the path between Priscilla and us, and block her. She would tread back and forth in front of Priscilla, uttering soft pleading yelps as if beseeching her not to charge. Sure enough, Priscilla would gradually calm down in response to the peacemaker’s inhibiting signals.

Turkeys come into the nation’s consciousness as caricatures and corpses at Thanksgiving, and then they’re forgotten until the next year rolls around. Yet turkeys are being slaughtered every single day of the year, much more often than for Thanksgiving alone, for which around 45 million birds will perish. For thousands of turkeys—242.5 million were slaughtered in 2017 in the U.S., according to the National Turkey Federation—every single day is “Thanksgiving,” a never-ending harvest of horror.

Instead of calling Thanksgiving “Turkey Day,” let’s make it a turkey-free day and show our thanks by making peace with our feathered friends.

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On November 14, 2018, the State of New York Court of Appeals dismissed the case of The Alliance to End Chickens as Kaporos, et al. v. the New York City Police Department, et al. The decision followed oral arguments before the Court by attorneys for the plaintiffs (the Alliance) and the NYPD, in Albany, NY, on October 17, 2018.

Nora Constance Marino, Esq., the attorney for the Alliance to End Chickens as Kaporos, argued our case before the judges. She explains the Court's decision as follows:

The Court of Appeals decision says that the laws cited by the plaintiffs allow for decisions involving discretion by the police. “Mandamus” -- meaning a court order to compel the police to act in a certain way -- would apply only if the laws involved no discretion whatsoever. We disagree with the court’s decision, because the laws involved in our case -- specifically, the animal cruelty statute and the health codes -- are in fact mandatory laws, meaning that the New York State legislature used words like “must” and “shall” when speaking of enforcement of these laws.

Thus, it is my opinion that the Court of Appeals was entirely incorrect in this decision. The judges ignored the clear “mandate,” or direction, of the state legislature, by allowing New York City and the New York City Police (the executive branch of government) to fail to enforce laws that are “mandated” to be enforced.

It is my opinion that this is the exact situation where judicial intervention and mandamus would be warranted; a situation where the executive branch ignores the clear intent of the legislative branch. As we have seen quite frequently on the federal level, the federal courts, most notably the Ninth Circuit, have intervened with decisions of the executive branch of the United States (the U.S. president) and issued orders mandating certain policies. We believe the Court of Appeals here had a similar obligation to intervene, and failed to.

Clarification and quick history of this case

The case involved 19 Brooklyn residents and the Alliance to End Chickens as Kaporos, who sued the city of New York for failure to enforce fifteen laws that are violated by practitioners of an annual religious ritual called Kaporos, in which chickens are punished as surrogates for human sinners. During Kaporos, 60,000 chickens are trucked into the city each year from factory farms, in the week before Yom Kippur, to be used in this ritual and slaughtered on the public streets and sidewalks. These acts violate multiple health codes, sanitation codes, and the state animal cruelty statute.
The case was started in New York State’s lowest court, the Supreme Court. A Supreme Court judge dismissed the case. Alliance attorney Nora Constance Marino appealed to the Appellate Division, the next judicial level. There, from a panel of five judges, we received a split decision – three judges agreed with the lower court, and two did not. Those two dissenting votes were what was required to have our case heard in the state’s highest court – the Court of Appeals.

This was exciting. Very few cases make it to the Court of Appeals. The case received press coverage in mainstream media and in law journals. Oral arguments were presented to the Court on October 17, 2018, as outlined above, and were broadcast live stream. Our case was viewed by many, and many held their breath, waiting for the six Court of Appeals judges to rule.

Regrettably, after just four short weeks, the judges rendered their decision, affirming the lower courts; thus, the case remains dismissed. As we go to press, we’re considering our future options and will keep our supporters informed, with gratitude to everyone for enabling us to pursue this historic legal challenge on behalf of the chickens. – Nora Constance Marino, Esq. and United Poultry Concerns

“Chickens,” not “broilers” (or “layers”)

Karen Davis’s letter to All Animals, a publication of The Humane Society of the United States, appears in the November/December 2018 issue of the magazine:

Thank you for reporting on the good work you are doing to help ease the suffering of chickens raised for meat, referred to in the title as “broilers” (“A better life for broilers,” Sept/Oct 2018). As a decades-long advocate for chickens, I know the difficulty of characterizing them in a way that respects and evokes who they are rather than reducing them verbally to how they are used. For this reason, I respectfully urge that you not use “broiler” as a noun, but only as an adjective modifying the word “chicken.” Calling chickens broilers discourages empathy toward them. “Broiler” is a sad burden for these birds to have to bear along with all the other burdens we force them to endure. Please don’t call them “broilers.” They are chickens. – KAREN DAVIS, president of United Poultry Concerns

EDITOR’S NOTE: You make an excellent point, and we appreciate you taking the time to share it. We will be more mindful of how we use the term “broiler” in our content.
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This donation is made in loving memory of my cat JASMINE (July 16, 1998-April 19, 2018), my beautiful white Oriental Shorthair with gorgeous blue eyes. Jasmine was as lovely as her loving and gentle
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Sticky Peanut Cauliflower Wings

Recipe by Laura Hemmington, onegreenplanet.org

Ingredients
• 1 large cauliflower
• 2 tbsp crunchy peanut butter (sugar-free)
• 4 tsp solid coconut oil
• 2 tbsp tamari or other good soy sauce
• Juice of 1/2 lime (reserve the other 1/2 for serving)
• 2 tsp garam masala
• 1 tbsp nutritional yeast (optional)

Directions
1. Preheat the oven to 400°F.
2. Cut the cauliflower into bite-size florets and combine in a baking tin or dish with the rest of the ingredients, ensuring each piece of cauliflower is nicely coated with the mixture.
3. Spread out the cauliflower evenly, without overlapping too much.
4. Cover with foil and place in the top of the oven for 15 minutes.
5. Remove the foil, stir, and sprinkle nutritional yeast on top. Return to the oven uncovered for 15 minutes to give the edges a nice crisp.
6. To serve, squeeze on a little more lime juice and season with black pepper.

Banana Peanut Butter Dog Treats

Recipe by Melanie McDonald, avirtualvegan.com

Ingredients
• 2 cups rolled oats, or quick oats
• 1/2 cup natural peanut butter (no sugar, no salt, no xylitol, no additives)
• 1 very ripe large banana

Directions
1. Preheat oven to 350°F.
2. Blend oats in a food processor until flour-like.
3. Add peanut butter and banana.
4. Process until a dough ball starts to form. Add water as needed.
5. Turn out onto a clean surface and roll out to about ¼ inch thick.
6. Cut into shapes with a cookie cutter and place on parchment paper-lined baking tray.
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