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HSforBC foster is adopted during memorial trip

By Tiffany Byers



Bugsy and Ray are enjoying life in Michigan.

Bugsy, an HSforBC foster dog, needed a volunteer to watch him for a few days. Jan Whitesell, an HSforBC volunteer, stepped up to watch Bugsy for his foster.

The weekend that Whitesell planned to watch Bugsy was the same weekend that she had plans to host her extended family at a cabin.

Whitesell's extended family gets together annually to celebrate the life of her sister-in-law, Andrea, whose life was taken by a rare cancer when she was 41. Andrea's children, Tyler, Gabrielle and Olivia, made a six-hour drive to be part of the celebration.

Bugsy was the perfect addition and surprise for the extended family members that gathered at the cabin to celebrate Andrea's life. After a weekend of cornhole competitions, swimming and fishing, Tyler and his girlfriend, Maddie, expressed interest in adopting Bugsy.

Bugsy joined Tyler and Maddie after the memorial trip, and he now is happily living with them, their dog, Lufee, and one-eyed cat, Ray, in Michigan.

Longtime HSforBC shelter dog finds his home



HSforBC is so excited to announce that Kane has found his family!

Kane has been with HSforBC for 1,111 days. This is why we do what we do. He is a special boy in so many ways and is going to a home that will care for him and his needs. Congratulations HSforBC volunteers Betsy and Jeremy and thank you for having such big hearts!

Kane is a good boy!

Cover photo

Daphne is an elegant 4-month-old black and white kitten. This gorgeous girl would love to pose nicely for photos in her forever home.

The Community Within: HSforBC offers loving help

By LeAnn Melichar



Cami, bottom, and Smudge nap together after a busy day.

Labor Day 2022 unfolded much like any other ordinary day. I was eager to spend time with my two cherished canine companions, Cami and Smudge.

Cami was my first foster failure that I adopted quickly in 2017. She entered our shelter's care as part of a rescue operation assisted by HSforBC involving a hoarding situation. When I first laid eyes on her within the shelter's walls, there was an irresistible pull in her gaze that tugged at my heartstrings. Senior dogs often face challenges getting adopted so I was fortunate for the opportunity to bring her home. In just a few short weeks, it became abundantly clear that I couldn't let her go and I officially made her part of my family. She was a true soul mate.

Smudge, on the other hand, was my most recent foster dog, but he had already etched a permanent place in my heart and was on the brink of officially becoming the

newest addition to our family. He was a young, energetic member of the Bully breed who had been abandoned at a hotel and it was later discovered that he had heartworms. Under the care of HSforBC and the compassionate souls like Dr. Amy Rader and Christy Brubaker, Canine Program director, a treatment plan was devised for him. To successfully treat his heartworms, he needed a quieter, monitored environment with the necessary medication which led me to bring him home.

Cami and Smudge were the missing pieces I needed as I moved my life forward.

I can still vividly recall the events that unfolded on Labor Day in 2022. After being gone for about 45 minutes, I arrived home and when I pulled into my driveway a commotion of alarms blared and the acrid smell of smoke instantly filled the air after the garage door opened. Panic surged as I rushed inside and was met by a terrifying scene—the gas stove and cabinets were ablaze and thick smoke shrouded everything. Panic turned quickly into desperation as I called out for Cami and Smudge repeatedly.

Not thinking, I went in, crawling on the floor armed with a flashlight. I continued to call their names as I tried to feel for any signs of my pups.

Amid the turmoil, I was able to find and pull Smudge's motionless body out the front door. My untrained attempts at resuscitation proved fruitless. As I sat there, the heart-wrenching realization that I couldn't continue my search for Cami hit me quickly—a realization that crushed my soul. The thick suffocating smoke inside my home was a stark reminder of how insidious and destructive a fire can be, which I had never truly comprehended.

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The Community Within

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Cami was my true soul mate. She loved to ride in the car.

I knew I had to inform HSforBC executive director Susan Austin about Smudge, who was still technically a shelter dog. As I relayed the heartbreaking news of Smudge's passing, a massive lump formed in my throat and I choked back tears. The noise of sirens soon filled the air as firetrucks and police vehicles arrived then rescue workers asked me a barrage of questions. My pleas to the firefighters to find my beloved dog Cami grew louder and more desperate. It felt like an eternity before they finally ventured inside to search my house.

Unbeknownst to me, Susan reached out to Laurie Durham and Dan Chatson, two dedicated HSforBC volunteers who live nearby. They rushed to my

side without hesitation, and I remember how tightly I held onto them. Both Laurie and Dan have families but were steadfast about remaining with me throughout the chaotic ordeal. They helped me navigate the deluge of inquiries, paperwork and overall tumult of the tragic situation.

Ultimately, the destiny of Cami became painfully clear when I saw her being carried out of the house. With both Laurie and Dan by my side, I sat there on the ground where Cami and Smudge were placed, tears streaming down my face. In that agonizing moment, I felt lost and unsure of what steps to take next. Thankfully, Susan and others at HSforBC had arranged for both dogs to be entrusted to a pet memorial service. It was a much needed comfort amidst my overwhelming grief in that dark hour.

Laurie and Dan remained with me long after the crowd had dispersed and the firetrucks had departed, offering their unwavering support. Together, we waited in silence until the time came for Cami and Smudge to be transported to the pet memorial service. As I watched them being loaded tenderly into the van, a deep sense of reassurance washed over me knowing they were in caring hands. However, a profound truth resonated that they were gone. I had clung to a sliver of hope that they might somehow awaken during our time together in my yard, but that hope had now evaporated. This is an experience etched into my heart, a memory I will carry with me always. They were my happiest hello and my most difficult goodbye.

I've always had a profound respect for our shelter and the volunteers but this is more than just an organization. On that day, it was a family I desperately needed, and none of them hesitated to provide solace and assistance. Becoming a volunteer in 2015, I never would have imagined all that I would gain. My gratitude knows no bounds for what the HSforBC family did that night. Laurie's and Dan's presence and Susan's support were lifelines during those horrific moments. I shudder to think of what I would have done without them. Not many words were exchanged, but their presence meant everything to me. That night, I experienced the profound comfort of unspoken understanding, a gift that was generously extended to me and that I'll always treasure.

I am extremely grateful for the unwavering support they provided, and I wish to convey my profound appreciation to them and the HSforBC family.

CrownPointe residents enjoy cuddling HSforBC foster kittens



CrownPointe Senior Living Community residents in Lebanon had a wonderful time cuddling HSforBC foster kittens on September 11 with help from four HSforBC volunteers and Jackie Nowinski, Volunteer Program manager. Cat Program director Dawn Walker taught the residents about bottle feeding tiny orphaned kittens as part of the Humane Society program. Volunteers Anne Oberg, Shelley Lakshmanan and Teresa Eversole assisted the residents as they took turns holding kittens. Residents Sharon Stradling, top row, from left, Sandy Jeffers and Kay Ysaguirre as well as Karlene Marsh, bottom row, left to right, Shirley O'Neal and Linda Silberg enjoyed petting the kittens and holding them when they fell asleep. Amy Bigler, CrownPointe's Activity director, said Canine Program director Christy Brubaker and other volunteers also bring foster puppies to the assisted living facility for the residents' enjoyment. Bigler said four cats and two dogs currently live with their owners at CrownPointe.

Senior cat Freckles likes to play with foster kittens

By Nancy Comiskey



Freckles, a very social ginger Tabby cat, is 10 years old and enjoys playing with kittens in his foster home.

When Freckles arrived at HSforBC last November, he was a 10-year-old, unneutered male ginger Tabby cat with heart and kidney problems and—let’s be frank—a bit of an attitude.

Now, less than a year later, he’s left his tomcat days behind and slipped into a surprising new role as a doting grandfather to a litter of kittens.

He didn’t pay much attention to the kittens when all they did was squeak, said Dawn Walker, the Feline Program director who fosters Freckles along with eight other cats. But once the kittens started to hop around, they were a lot more intriguing.

“It’s so cute to see him play with them,” she said. “Just like with human seniors, the desire to be young again is so strong.”

Walker has fostered cats of all ages for more than a decade. She answered a Facebook plea for someone to help care for a litter of day-old kittens and ended up keeping all three of her tiny bottle babies. Now she also manages the foster program for cats at HSforBC.

A longtime nurse, Walker said fostering pets came naturally to her.

“I love being able to care for them,” she said. “You go from a situation that could have had a very bad ending to seeing them thriving.”

Freckles, like many senior cats, came to the shelter when his owner died. After he was neutered, Walker brought him home and slowly introduced him to the other foster cats plus her own three cats. Medication helps his heart and kidney issues. He’s a charmer, she said, who wants to be with his people. He likes to cuddle and sometimes sleeps on her husband Kevin’s lap when he’s in his office.

In September, more than 25 HSforBC volunteer fosters were caring for 57 cats from kittens to seniors. Almost all will be adopted eventually.

Fostering a senior cat does have its challenges, especially if there are other cats in the home. If one cat wants to sit on a lap and another cat is on it, there can be spats.

“They’re set in their ways,” Walker said, “just like humans.”

Also like people, senior cats may have health issues and special diets. But the HSforBC foster program provides all medications and veterinary care free of cost along with food, litter and even cat toys.

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Senior cat Freckles

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Freckles is a lap kitty who loves people.

Fosters can bring the cats to HSforBC to meet with potential adopters or schedule visits in their homes away from the distracting smells and sounds of the shelter.

Potential fosters can fill out volunteer and foster application forms on the website at hsforbc.org or stop by the shelter and pick up printed copies. Walker then reaches out to them individually to answer questions and offer advice.

"I wish more people would give it a try," she said. "It really doesn't take that much effort with an adult or senior cat. They're right on your lap, purring and cuddling."

As for Freckles, the one-time tomcat is still waiting for the right owner to find him.

"He's the best cat ever, the cuddliest cat ever," Walker said. "There's no 'only on my terms' attitude with him. He just craves your attention."

'Dine and Donate'



Amore Pizzeria in Zionsville

First Monday of each month
11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

El Meson in Zionsville

Second Wednesday of each month

HotBox Pizza in Whitestown

Sunday, October 29

All day long

*Be sure to mention
you are supporting HSforBC.*

Upcoming Events



LA CAFE

MOONTOWN

RUNSIGNUP.COM/RACE/IN/WHITESTOWN/5KRUNFORRESCUES \$35

RUN FOR RESCUES

5K-9 RUN/WALK

TO BENEFIT THE HUMANE SOCIETY FOR BOONE COUNTY

10.28.23
Saturday 10AM

Registration ends October 26, 2023 at 11:59 pm EDT

START: LA CAFE
4 South Main St, Whitestown, In

END: MOONTOWN
345 S Bowers St, Whitestown, In

Help support animal rescue—join us for this chipped timed event in downtown Whitestown. We start at LA Cafe and end at Moontown Brewing Company where you can enjoy a half-pint as part of your race participation.

Run or walk, your furry exercise partner is optional. All dogs must be leashed at all times. No retractables and nothing longer than 6 foot.

PRIZE FOR BEST DOG COSTUME!

Pre-race pickup shirts/numbers on October 27 at the shelter 12:00–3:00 pm or at Moontown 4:00–8:00 pm

HUMANE SOCIETY FOR BOONE COUNTY
For the Love of Animals
HSforBC.org
502 S. Indianapolis Road

Adoption Event at Tom Wood Subaru
3300 E. 96th Street, Indianapolis
Saturday, October 7
11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Howl at the Moontown
Friday, October 27
5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

5K-9 Run for Rescues
Saturday, October 28
Starts at LA Café at 10 a.m.
ends at Moontown Brewing Company

Paint Your Pet for Patriots
Wednesday, November 1
6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Zionsville American Legion
\$50 per person includes supplies
Silent Auction

Giving Tuesday
Tuesday, November 28

Whiskerfest
Saturday, December 2
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Indianapolis Car Exchange



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HUMANE SOCIETY FOR BOONE COUNTY

Join us as we celebrate October's Pitbull Awareness and Adopt a Shelter Dog Month

OCTOBER 14

11:00 am-2:00 pm

Meet and Greet forms can be found at
HSforBC.org



Dixie Boone Sid Ghost

In honor of Pitbull Awareness Month, now until the end of October, our adult bully breed and bully mix dog adoption fees are just

\$75

All dogs are spayed/neutered, vaccinated, heartworm tested and chipped



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Whiskerfest

Holiday Craft Show & Pet Photo With Santa Event
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THE ARC OF GREATER BOONE COUNTY

Saturday, December 2, 2023
10:00 am-4:00 pm

Indianapolis Car Exchange
5161 Indianapolis Rd, Whitestown in 46075

50+ Vendors in One Spot

Pet Photos With Santa
12:00-4:00 pm

Lunch available on-site

See the work of The ARC Artisans!

Unique Gift Opportunities

Adoptable Cats & Dogs Will Be There Too!



Questions? Contact us at
hsforbc@gmail.com or 877-473-6722

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Greater Boone County

HSFORBC.ORG

HSforBC volunteers share love for animals by helping save them

By Mary Ann Garber



Canine Program director Christy Brubaker holds Ghost, a sweet HSforBC shelter dog, during an adoption event on September 23 as part of the Zionsville Farmers Market.

Love is the heart and soul of animal rescue work. It is also the fuel that energizes HSforBC volunteers during long hours of caring for scared dogs, sick cats, bottle-fed kittens and puppies that need house training.

The happy life-saving experiences outweigh the sad rescue attempts, but there are always lots of emotions tugging at the minds and hearts of volunteers when they put on the HSforBC logo T-shirts and get to work helping homeless dogs, puppies, cats and kittens in Boone County.

HSforBC volunteers know that it's a privilege and honor to help defenseless animals, and every moment of loving care truly makes a difference for them.

A kitten and mama dog rescued recently illustrate HSforBC's ongoing need for volunteer help and financial assistance from animal lovers in Boone County.

Dahlia, a darling black and white kitten, is very social and playful. She was found alone, hungry and defenseless so was probably dumped on a street in Lebanon. Now she is safe and well cared for with other kittens in an HSforBC foster home.

Ghost, a sweet Terrier mix who loves people, recently had puppies and was still able to nurse them when she was found as a stray in Thorntown. No one has claimed this pretty mama dog so she must have been dumped while still nursing her puppies.

Christy Brubaker, HSforBC's Canine Program director, spent time with Ghost for an adoption event on September 23 during the Zionsville Farmers Market. She is a wife, mother, teacher and longtime Humane Society volunteer who makes time every day in her busy schedule to help save the lives of homeless dogs and puppies.

"Serving my community by rescuing dogs is a huge part of my life," Brubaker said. "I have loved animals for as long as I can remember, especially dogs. Saving them makes me happy."

If you are looking for ways to enrich your life, please consider volunteering for HSforBC in one of the many different kinds of service opportunities as a dog or cat foster, shelter volunteer or community connection event team member.

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HSforBC volunteers share love

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Dahlia, a social black and white kitten, loves attention and is very talkative in her foster home.

For more information, call the HSforBC Helpline at 877-473-6722 and listen through the recording to leave a message for Jackie Nowinski, the Volunteer Program manager.

Or you can log on to hsforbc.org and click on the link to "Get Involved" then fill out the volunteer application.

If you want to open your heart and home to care for dogs, puppies, cats or kittens, the foster application is posted there too.

"Be the Help They Need" is one of HSforBC's slogans. Another is "We aren't telling you it will be easy. We are telling you it will be worth it."

HSforBC's mission statement proclaims "For the Love of Animals" and it's true. Volunteering can be life-changing in so many ways. Just ask any HSforBC volunteer.

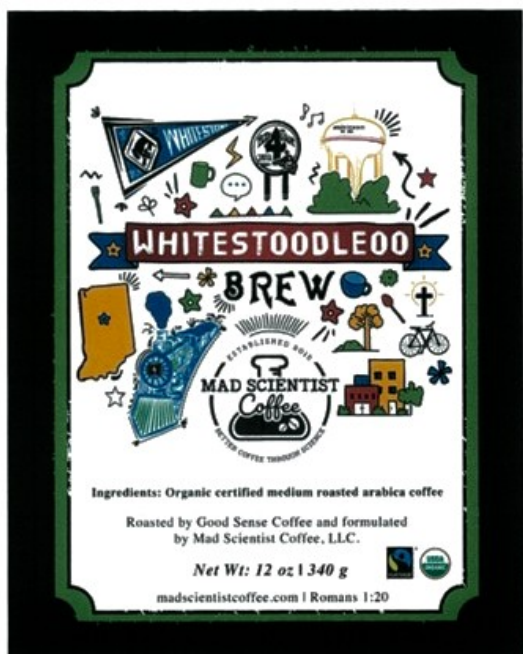
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Visit our website: www.hsforbc.org



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During the months of September and October Mad Scientist Coffee, LLC will donate \$3 of every bag of Whitestoodleo Brew sold to the Humane Society for Boone County.

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PATRIOTS

\$50/person
Limit 35 ppl

Wednesday, November 1st
6 PM - 9 PM

★ Silent Auction

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Register here:

★ <https://paintyourpetparty.com/events>

Contact Judy Wothke with questions 317-714-1589

This is a Fundraiser \$15 per person will be donated to the Humane Society for Boone County Pets for Patriots Adoption Program.

The Paint Your Pet for Patriots event will be 6-9 and painting is 6:30-8:30.

After you register send a picture of your pet to paintyourpetparty@gmail.com

★ *A professional artist will sketch your pet's photo on a 12"x12" canvas ready for you to paint.!*



Thank You



Our friends at the Amazon Whitestown Distribution Center amazed us again. These boxes contain donations of much needed dog food and cat food. Thank you!

Thank you Zionsville Monthly Magazine for helping us get the word out about our need for foster homes.



GXO Logistics in Whitestown recently had a donation drive for our dogs and cats, and also had a contest where employees picked their favorite dog. The top two dogs were Kane and Bruzer. Kane has been adopted, and Bruzer is still available. Thank you!

A huge thanks to our friends at ERG Edwards Realty Group—Sotheby's International Realty in Zionsville. They had a fundraiser for us and delivered the food donations.



Thank you Keystone Home Lending, L.L.C. for volunteering with us, and preparing packages of dog food and cat food for our monthly pet pantry.

HOWL AT THE MOONTOWN
PET COSTUME CONTEST
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27TH, 2023

The 1915 ROOM
at Moontown Brewing Company
5:30pm - 9:30pm

Benefiting the Humane Society for Boone County

\$1 from every pint sold goes to the HSBC + 10% of all food sales

Prizes for best dressed pet

Donations accepted

Free to attend

MOONTOWN
Brewing Company
HUMANE SOCIETY FOR BOONE COUNTY

The poster is orange and features illustrations of dogs in various costumes like witches, pumpkins, and skeletons. The text is in a playful, bold font.

Thank You



Our friends, Richard and Lori, visited us again. Thank you for your ongoing support for the cats and dogs.

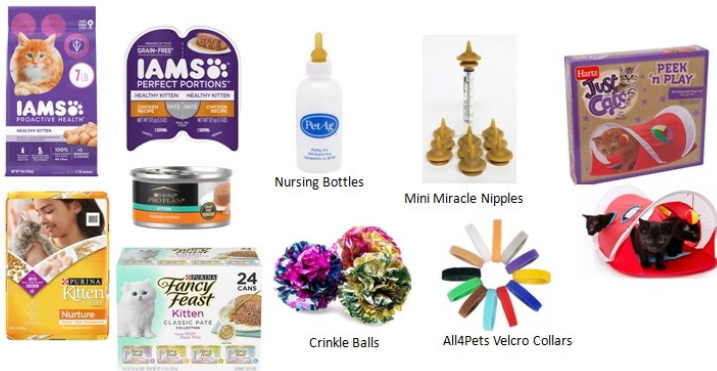


These two sweet children (one is hiding) love cats and dogs. They surprised us with these donations. We can't wait until you are old enough to volunteer! Thanks for helping with the delivery, Dad.

HSforBC Wish List

Click [here](#) for HSforBC Wish List at Chewy.

HSforBC Kitten Wish List



HSforBC Puppy Wish List



Did your pet go missing?

Take these four steps to help find them.

1. Report your pet missing for free at petcolovelost.org.
2. Print free lost pet fliers and share them around your local community.
3. Organize a lost pet search in your neighborhood.
4. Call your local animal shelters and rescues to let them know your pet is missing.



Our Featured Adoptables

Visit www.hsforbc.org for information on these and other animals.

If you would like to foster an animal or schedule a Meet and Greet, call **1-877-473-6722** (877-HSforBC) or fill out the form on our website.



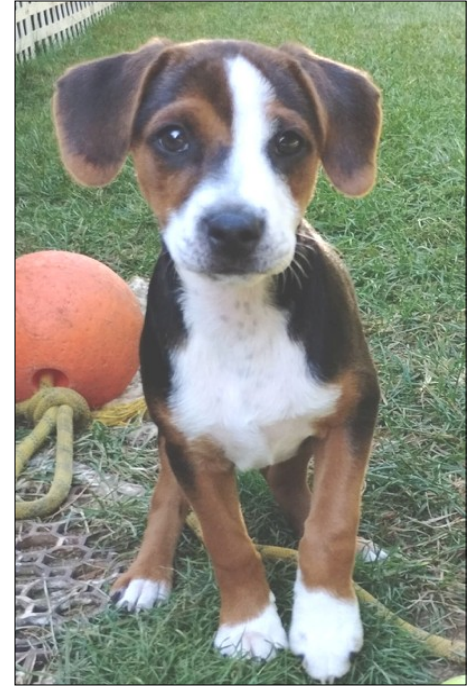
Sid

Sid is a 2-year-old Husky mix, and is a great walking and jogging partner. Sid has very good leash manners, enjoys outdoor adventures, and loves getting scratches and pets. He loves squeaky toys too. When it's time to wind down, he is a snuggle bug. Sid is an affectionate, fun and high-energy boy.



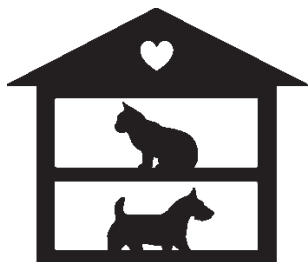
Moose

Moose is 11 weeks old and a Beagle-Terrier mix. He is the biggest pup and has the biggest heart. Moose loves to be cuddled. Moose is playful, sweet, confident and calm.



Yooper

Pretty Yooper is more reserved like her mama, but once she gets to know you she is very sweet. She is a Beagle-Terrier mix and right in the middle of the litter size wise.



Jonah

Tabby boy Jonah is about 3 months old and ready for adoption. Will it be with you?



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Love Them for Life

ADOPTION EVENT



Tom Wood Subaru and Pet Friendly Services of Indiana are partnering to host a fun event, including a free cookout, to help find homes for forever friends!

Join us: **Saturday, October 7th from 11am - 2pm**
Tom Wood Subaru
3300 E. 96th St., Indianapolis









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We are a private, nonprofit, 501(c)(3), almost entirely volunteer organization dedicated to preventing cruelty to animals. We serve animals and residents of Boone County by providing shelter and compassionate care for abandoned, abused, surrendered and lost animals of Boone County.

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