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49 **Agenda Item 1** **Review Agenda**

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51 Dr. Beck reviewed the agenda and asked for updates or additions.

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53 **Agenda Item 2** **Review/Approve Minutes**

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55 The board reviewed the minutes of the March 22, 2013 meeting.

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57 **On a motion duly made by Priddy, seconded by Rose, and approved**
58 **unanimously, it was**

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60 **RESOLVED to approve the March 22, 2013 meeting minutes.**

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62 Dr. Beck signed the March 22, 2013 minutes.

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64 **Agenda Item 3** **Ethics Disclosure**

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66 There were no ethics violations to report from any board members.

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68 **Agenda Item 4** **Budget Report**

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70 Ms. Kunow has not received a budget report from fiscal and will email the Board
71 members when it is received.

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73 **Agenda Item 5** **Legislative Issues**

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75 Ms. Kunow advised the Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing
76 has increased its travel operation budget from \$400,000 to approximately \$730,000. This
77 increase will be applied to all Boards and will help with travel expenses.

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79 Ms. Giardina advised the State is working on streamlining third party reimbursements.
80 HB 187 will allow licensing fee spikes to be amortized over several renewal cycles.

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82 Operations Manager Ms. Sara Chambers joined the meeting telephonically. Ms.
83 Chambers advised the Board regarding HB 187. This bill will allow for the consolidation
84 of fee types to reduce handling fee costs. The Division has over 400 fees. Some fees
85 such as duplicate license fees and change of address fees could be combined under
86 centralized fees which would reduce handling fees within the Boards. The second part of
87 HB 187 would balance revenues with expenses. Annual fee spikes could be amortized
88 over several renewal cycles. For example, the cost of a large investigation which would
89 result in a licensing fee spike at renewal could be averaged over several renewal cycles.
90 The licensees would have a more stable licensing fee for budgeting. Finally, HB 187
91 allows for the use of general funds to offset the cost of investigations. The public would
92 share in the cost of investigations. They are stakeholders in public protection. Currently,
93 all revenues for the Boards are the result of licensing fees. HB 187 would allow the

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99 Division to tap into the general fund to offset investigative services. It would not cover
100 all legal costs.

101 Dr. Beck asked where the monies come to fund the general fund. Ms. Chambers advised
102 general fund monies are appropriated by the legislature. The general fund is the general
103 operating fund for the State.

104 Ms. Giardina asked how much the Division will be requesting from the legislature. Ms.
105 Chambers indicated the request is made through the annual report to the legislature. The
106 Division will estimate the amount it will ask for and then do a supplement near the end of
107 the fiscal year.

108 Dr. Hagee asked if one hundred percent of investigative costs will be covered. Ms.
109 Chambers stated investigative staff and services would be covered, however, legal costs
110 such as Office of Administrative Hearing expenses would not be covered at this time.

111 Ms. Giardina asked what the tracking of this bill would be since the budget keeps
112 tightening. Ms. Chambers advised the bill was introduced this last spring, has made it out
113 of House, Labor and Commerce and is now with Finance. There is a heightened
114 awareness by the legislature in the Division's operations and support for the Boards. The
115 travel appropriation has been increased. This Division does not receive any general fund
116 appropriations, so this would be a new appropriation for the Division. Investigative costs
117 would be covered by the general public and not fall on the individual licensees.

118 Dr. Priddy asked if the bill passes, would licensing fees decrease. Ms. Chambers stated
119 that since legal costs would not be covered and unknown fluctuations of licensees
120 happen, it is hard to tell at this time.

121 Dr. Beck asked if each Board is responsible for their own costs or if the costs would be
122 averaged across Boards. Ms. Chambers stated the costs would be Board specific.

123 Ms. Chambers asked the Board to support HB 187 once it comes up again in the spring.
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125 Ms. Chambers then discussed HB 84. This act will require Boards to review an
126 applicant's military education and training and determine if that training is equivalent to
127 the requirements for temporary licensure. This only applies to a temporary license and
128 does not require the Board accept the training as equivalent when it is not.

129 Board members stated the veterinary temporary licensee is under direct supervision of a
130 licensed veterinarian.
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132 **Agenda Item 6 Investigative Report**

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134 Investigator Jaff Paff stated he had a voluntary surrender which needed discussion and
135 would require executive session.
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137 **On a motion duly made by Beck, seconded by Rose, and approved unanimously, it**
138 **was**

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140 **RESOLVED to go into executive session in accordance with AS**
141 **44.62.310(c)(2), for the purpose of discussing a voluntary surrender.**
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143 Board staff to remain during executive session.

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149 Off the record at 10:04 a.m.
150 On the record at 10:16 a.m.

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152 **On a motion duly made by Beck, seconded by Priddy, and approved unanimously, it**
153 **was**

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155 **RESOLVED that the Board accept the voluntary surrender of Dr. Claire**
156 **Rice, license number 683.**

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158 Roll call -Priddy – yea, Beck – yea, Rose- yea, Hagee - yea- 4 yeas, 0 nays, motion
159 passed.
160 Dr. Beck signed the order on the surrender.

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162 Ms. Bundick reported there are currently thirteen open investigations, which includes
163 intakes, and complaints.
164 Ms. Bundick advised the Board would need to go into executive session regarding a
165 probation violation.

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167 **On a motion duly made by Beck, seconded by Priddy, and approved unanimously, it**
168 **was**

169
170 **RESOLVED to go into executive session in accordance with AS**
171 **44.62.310(c)(2), for the purpose of discussing a probation violation.**

172
173 Board staff to remain during executive session.

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175 Off record: 10:25 a.m.
176 On record: 10:37 a.m.

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178 **Agenda Item 7 Public Comment**

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180 No one was present for public comment.

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182 **Agenda Item 8 Miscellaneous Correspondence**

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184 Raw Milk Sales – Dr. Beck referenced correspondence from a veterinarian requesting the
185 Board’s opinion regarding allowing her to sell raw milk. Dr. Rose stated it is not the
186 Board’s interest, but it is ill advised to sell raw milk. Raw milk cannot be sold directly,
187 but milk shares can be sold.

188 Dr. Beck stated the request was in regard to selling shares of a cow/goat share operation.
189 The Board does not have any regulations pertaining to that. The Veterinary Handbook
190 does not advocate the sale or consumption of raw milk. The American Veterinary
191 Medical Association (AVMA) has a policy statement that discourages the sale of raw
192 milk.

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199 Dr. Beck stated the sale of milk shares would not affect a veterinarian's license, but
200 expressed concern that the general public would hold a veterinarian to a higher standard.

201 Dr. Rose stated containers are an issue and complicates the issue. In a milk share, a
202 person buys a part of the animal. A person can buy the milk because they own a share of
203 the animal.

204 Ms. Kunow asked if the Board wanted to include the AVMA statement in the Handbook.
205 The Board discussed the AVMA policy statement and decided to leave the Handbook
206 statement as is.

207 Dr. Hagee stated his family owns goats and regularly drinks raw milk. It hasn't been a
208 problem because the animals and containers are clean. There are many people who do
209 drink raw milk.

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211 Veterinary Compounding – The Board reviewed the letter from Dr. Jack Tuomi. Dr.
212 Tuomi's letter supported compounding not be restricted by state lines. The letter
213 supported veterinary compounding pharmacies which can address the unconventional
214 needs of pets. Ms. Kunow provided the minutes from the Pharmacy Board which
215 addressed Dr. Tuomi's letter.

216 Dr. Beck stated there is a pharmacy compounding quality and accountability act at the
217 federal level. Ms. Kunow advised the Pharmacy Board will contact the Attorney General
218 to determine if there is statutory authority to restrict discriminatory practices in the state,
219 such as veterinary drugs, not being available to licensed facilities.

220 Dr. Beck stated that as long as veterinarians are properly labeling their prescriptions, they
221 are legal.

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223 **Agenda Item 9** **Old/New Business**

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225 Veterinary Handbook – Ms. Kunow advised the Handbook was updated April of 2013.

226 Dr. Beck requested Dr. Hagee's contact information be updated.

227 Dr. Beck suggested that once the new accreditation process for health certificates is put
228 into place, the Handbook will have to be updated.

229 The Board will review the Handbook for any additional changes.

230
231 Jurisprudence Exam – The Board discussed removing question #42 regarding raw milk,
232 but then decided to keep the question.

233 The Board discussed question #1 regarding pre-exposure vaccination for rabies. The
234 question is ambiguous. The Board decided to eliminate the question and will substitute
235 another question. Dr. Priddy suggested using a student permit question.

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237 **BREAK**

238 Off record at 11:08 a.m.

239 On record at 11:14 a.m.

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242 2011 Rabies Compendium and 2010 Chlamydomphila Psittaci – copies distributed to
243 Board members for information. These references are used for the jurisprudence exam.

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249 Ms. Kunow asked if the jurisprudence exam could be distributed electronically instead of
250 by mail. This would streamline the application process. The Board agreed.

251 Ms. Kunow will add an answer sheet to the JP exam.

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253 License Sanctions – In the past, the Board had discussed the possibility of developing a
254 sanction list as a guide to investigative staff for negotiating consent agreements. Because
255 each case is unique, it is difficult to develop a list. The Investigations Unit has
256 streamlined its disciplinary process and reviews disciplinary actions with a reviewing
257 Board member who will make sanction suggestions.

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259 Active Clinical Practice – Dr. Hagee expressed some concerns about what active clinical
260 practice should encompass. Is a public health veterinarian qualified as an active practice
261 veterinarian? Sec 08.98.250(5) “practice of veterinary medicine”

262 (A) means for compensation to

263 (i) diagnose, treat, correct, change, relieve, or prevent animal disease, deformity, defect,
264 injury, or other physical or mental condition, including the prescription or
265 administration of a drug, biologic apparatus, anesthetic, or other therapeutic
266 or diagnostic substance;

267 (ii) use a manual or mechanical procedure for testing for pregnancy or correcting sterility
268 or infertility; or

269 (iii) render advice or recommendation with regard to any matter listed in (i) or (ii) of this
270 subparagraph.

271 Dr. Hagee stated this did not directly address a public health veterinarian. Dr. Rose asked
272 if it addressed disease prevention. Licensed veterinarians have a large range of medical
273 skills, but should only practice within their expertise.

274 Dr. Hagee requested the Board go into executive session to discuss an application
275 involving a public health veterinarian.

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277 **On a motion duly made by Hagee, seconded by Priddy, and approved unanimously,**
278 **it was**

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280 **RESOLVED to go into executive session in accordance with AS**
281 **44.62.310(c)(2), for the purpose of discussing an application for veterinary**
282 **licensure.**

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284 Board staff to remain during executive session.

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286 Off record: 11:47 at a.m.

287 On record: 11:52 at a.m.

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289 The Board decided to adjourn for lunch.

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291 Off record at 11:53 a.m.

292 LUNCH

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299 On record at 1:08 p.m.

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301 FY 2013 Report – Ms. Kunow distributed the 2013 FY Report to the Board members.
302 The Board’s estimated budget for meetings, in-state and out-of-state travel is \$11,235.00.

303
304 Prescription Drug Monitoring Program – As requested by the Board, Ms. Kunow
305 distributed legislation from other states that have exempted veterinarians from mandatory
306 reporting. It would take a legislative bill to change statute. The Board members should
307 contact their representatives with their concerns regarding the Prescription Drug
308 Monitoring Program (PDMP). If other veterinarians have concerns about the PDMP they
309 should contact their representatives.

310 Dr. Beck expressed concern that some substances listed were not for veterinary purposes.
311 Other drugs on the list were not controlled substances. The program only applies to
312 dispensing.

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314 **Agenda Item 10 Goals and Objective 2014**

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316 There were no changes to the Goals and Objectives.

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318 **Agenda Item 11 Continuing Education Audit**

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320 **On a motion duly made by Rose, seconded by Hagee, and approved unanimously, it**
321 **was**

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323 **RESOLVED that the Board accept the reviewing Board member’s approval**
324 **for the continuing education audit.**

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326 Roll call -Priddy – yea, Beck – yea, Rose- yea, Hagee - yea- 4 yeas, 0 nays, motion
327 passed.

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329 Ms. Kunow distributed the list of continuing education audits that the Board members
330 were assigned. The audit was from January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2012.

331 The Board approved the continuing education audit for the veterinary technicians listed
332 below:

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334 Amy Christiansen #46
335 Millie Gray #108
336 Carol Hushower #129
337 Tracy Corneliussen #141
338 Jennifer Stiner #142
339 Andrea Michl #149
340 Melissa Biggs #159
341 Nicole Riordan-Randall #203
342 Zara Fenn #216
343 Christina Wilder #217

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349 Holly Cloud #221
350 Kristine Obsuth #267
351 Rebecca Walser #271
352 Chanci Davis #278
353 Emily Potter #286
354 Britney Stevenson #305
355 Sarah Fakler #310
356 Gia Kayl #317

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358 Follow up letters will be sent to Melanie Boswell (#297) and Jill Uphus (#312).

359
360 The Board approved the continuing education audit for the veterinarians listed below:

361
362 Val Stuve #46
363 Jonathan Bettridge #81
364 Robert Sept #125
365 Lisa Kramer #159
366 Kathleen Burek #266
367 Mark May #267
368 Lesley Dekrey #280
369 Paul Nadar #305
370 Catherine Hawn #351
371 Mark Engen #370
372 Brian Baetsle #397
373 Denise Albert #412
374 Hilary Humm-Beatty #443
375 James Meunier #445
376 Michael Rehm #579
377 Adrenne Ruby #629
378 Katherine Van Duine #630
379 Monica Mangis #633
380 John Montgomery #638
381 Eugene Ulmanis #640
382 William Finney #642
383 John Gray #651

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385 Follow up letters will be sent to:

386 James Leach #63
387 Paula Schmidt #523
388 Mike Bailey #535
389 Cynthia Collins #575

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397 **Agenda Item 12** **Office Business**
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399 The Board discussed wording a veterinary student question to replace question #1 of the
400 JP exam. This led to the Board's decision to start a small regulation project.

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402 The Board would like to allow veterinary students in good standing and under the direct
403 supervision of a licensed veterinarian to be able to apply. Dr. Priddy stated there is not a
404 need to have increased knowledge of pathology, clinical diseases, etc. in order to assist a
405 veterinarian. The supervising veterinarian could look at a transcript to determine if the
406 student is qualified for externship. Students should not be limited to their fourth year
407 because most schools have clinical courses in the second and third years.

408 The Board questioned why there is even a student permit requirement if the student is
409 under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian. Dr. Beck thought the premise of
410 the permit was to train students to do surgery if they wanted to. The Board members all
411 agreed that being a fourth year student is not necessary.

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413 12 AAC 68.500 remove the language in (b)(3): "verifying the applicant is in the
414 applicant's fourth year of veterinary school"

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416 12 AAC 68.045(a)(4) include language "until the applicant's Alaska jurisprudence
417 examination results are reported."

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419 12 AAC 68.045(b) should be repealed. Veterinary exams before the Board are no longer
420 in existence. The Alaska jurisprudence exam has replaced exams before the Board.
421 Temporary licenses are only issued until the jurisprudence exam results are reported.

422
423 Ms. Kunow asked the Board if an applicant that has been approved to sit for the
424 Veterinary Technician National Examination (VTNE) and fails must reapply to sit for
425 subsequent exam within a one year period. The exams are issued three times a year and it
426 would be redundant for an applicant to resubmit new applications with references every
427 few months. When an applicant fails, they are issued a letter which states their
428 application will remain on file for one year. An application file is considered abandoned
429 when twelve months have elapsed since correspondence was last received from or on
430 behalf of the applicant.

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432 12 AAC 68.315(b) Amend language of second sentence to read: "After one year from the
433 date of application, applicants who fail the examination must reapply for approval to sit
434 for subsequent examinations."

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436 The Board agreed to send these regulation changes to the regulation specialist.
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443
444 The Board reworded the #1 question of the JP exam to read:
445 To accept a veterinary student to participate in an externship program for their college's
446 educational curriculum, the State of Alaska requires a student permit.
447 True
448 False

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450 Confirm Next Meeting Date

451
452 February 21, 2014

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454 **On a motion duly made by Priddy, seconded by Rose, and approved unanimously, it**
455 **was**

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457 **RESOLVED that the Board approve Dr. Hagee for secretary.**

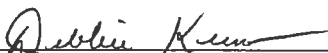
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459 Wall certificates signed.
460 Travel authorizations signed.

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462 **Agenda Item 11 Adjourn**

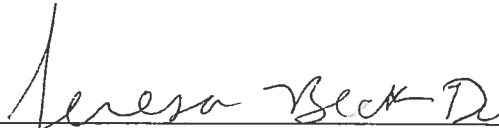
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464 There being no further business, Dr. Beck called for adjournment of the meeting.

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466 The board adjourned the meeting at 2:18 p.m.

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469 Respectfully submitted:

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472 Debbie Kunow, Licensing Examiner

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475 Approved:

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478 Teresa Beck, DVM, Chairperson
479 Alaska State Board of Veterinary Examiners
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484 Date: 2-21-14
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