

May/June 2025 NEWSLETTER

The Atlanta Doberman Pinscher Club

The Atlanta Doberman Pinscher Club (ADPC) is a family of Georgians who are proud to be owned and loved by our Dobermans. Licensed by the American Kennel Club on November 1, 1972, the ADPC is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit Chapter Club of the Doberman Pinscher Club of America (DPCA).

Our purpose is to protect and promote the Doberman Pinscher. For well over four decades, the Atlanta Doberman Pinscher Club has strived to fulfill that mission through a variety of activities, including sponsoring specialty shows, conducting temperament testing, offering breed education programs and providing breeder referral resources.

Atlanta Doberman Pinscher Club

Email to mawils@earthlink.net

Email news, brags, birthdays, etc to surochester@aol.com



Join Us for Our Zoom Meeting Tuesday, June 3, at 6:30pm ET

President's Message

Hello to all our members and readers of our newsletter, which is graciously edited by Susan Rochester. Thank you, Susan!

Spring is here! Our club kicked off welcoming spring at our wonderful recent picnic, organized and hosted by Stacie Amerson. Thank you Stacie! The spring weather shined on us, and some of the members and guests attending brought their dogs, so it was a nice day for all. The food was delicious and a great time was had by everyone. There's a more detailed report about the picnic in this newsletter. We are now planning our next social event, which will be Saturday, September 13, 2025. So, save the date!

I want to welcome our newest member, Tammy Young, as well as all the guests at our recent meetings. We are pleased to introduce you to the Atlanta Doberman Pinscher Club and our newsletter. Our club is growing, and with input and ideas from our members, we are headed in a very positive, productive direction. Thank you for your interest in the club and our fabulous breed.

WAE and Specialty Shows in May

As most of you reading this newsletter know, our club will be conducting several events in conjunction with the Crossroads of Georgia Cluster at the Georgia National Fairgrounds in Perry, Georgia, in May. We are holding specialty shows on Friday, May 9, and Sunday, May 11, and we are hosting a WAE on Saturday, May 10. Doris Spivey is our Show Chair and Vicki Sweeny is our WAE Chair/Coordinator. Thank you, Doris and Vicki!

Reminder—if you have items to donate for the auction and raffle being held at our specialties to benefit the club and our rescue efforts, you can either get these to Rescue Chair Kathy Gresham prior to the shows, or bring them on the Friday of our specialty show, May 9.

Upcoming Meeting Schedule

Members are always welcome to invite guests to our meetings and events. Here are the dates for our meetings over the next few months:

- Tuesday, June 3, at 6:30 PM, by Zoom
- Tuesday, July 1, at 6:30 PM, by Zoom
- Tuesday, August 5, at 7 PM in-person—The location is still to be decided, and suggestions are welcome.
- Tuesday, September 2, at 6:30 PM, by Zoom—This is our Annual Meeting, at which we will hold elections of officers and Board members.
- Tuesday, October 14, at 6:30 PM, by Zoom—This meeting is being held one week later than usual to avoid conflicting with the DPCA National Convention.

Deadline for July/August Newsletter:

Please send all brags (including photos!) and ideas for topics you would like to have included in the next issue of the newsletter, as well as information and photos of important personal/family events, to Ann Wilson. She will compile the submissions and send them to Susan Rochester. The submission deadline for sending your items for the July/August issue to Ann is June 10, 2025. We appreciate your support of the newsletter.

Of course, thank you to Membership Chair Ann Wilson for doing such a great job welcoming guests and new members.

If you have any ideas for club activities or initiatives, please don't hesitate to contact me, either by email, phone call or text.

Respectfully submitted, **Pamela DeHetre,**

President Atlanta DPC

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BRAGS

Michele Labuz: **Pamelot's Optimist CD RM2 RAE BCAT RATS CGCA ATT (Finn)** earned his CGCU and TKN at the ADPC spring picnic. We also participated in his first scent work trial with the Oconee Kennel Club. He Q'd 7 out of 8 attempts, with a few super-quick times.



Bayberry Shah: **Namarie** recently earned her Preferred Novice title. Bayberry's sister, Thaïs Kelly, handled her. Bayberry and Thaïs co-own Namarie.



Doris Spivey: Doris and **Sunny**, who turned 14 on Dec. 1, 2024, completed an AKC 5K "Turkey Trot" in November.

Sunny recently received her Fit Dog title.



Kathy Gresham: **Glory** got her Farm Dog Title at the Lake Lanier Cluster in March. (No photo)

Linda Whitney: **Shelby** completed her GrandCH at 2 years old, BOB onto a GR 3 by the same judge who awarded her her first 2 points, Dr. Albert Bianchi.



2025 Spring Picnic

Stacie Amerson graciously hosted the Atlanta Doberman Pinscher Club's 2025 Spring Picnic at her home in March. It was a spectacularly beautiful spring day, and many of the members and guests brought their dogs to enjoy the fun. Attendees enjoyed dog-themed games and an epic chili cookoff, won by Stacie's sister, Tracie Williams, for her awesome white chicken and sausage chili.

Our very own Christine Churchwell and Kathy Gresham have been certified as CGC and Trick Dog evaluators, and they conducted a number of assessments at the event.

Those achieving titles were:

Kalie Schubert and Lincoln (Trick Dog Novice and Trick Dog Intermediate)

Karen Tanner and Judah (CGC)

Michele Labuz and Finn (CGC Urban and Trick Dog Novice)

Alfredo Rosa and Dean (Trick Dog Novice)

We're looking forward to another great get-together this fall!



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Upcoming Shows

Closing 05/28/2025 @ 12:00pm Tampa FL

Changes to the Premium List (Updated Trophies/Chow Chow)

Greater Venice Florida Dog Club, Inc.(1) , Wednesday, June 11, 2025 (OPEN)

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Greater Venice Florida Dog Club (1) Beginner Puppy, Wednesday, June 11, 2025 (BP)

Mastiff Club of Florida, Inc. (1) , Thursday, June 12, 2025 (NOHS)

Greater Venice Florida Dog Club, Inc.(2) , Thursday, June 12, 2025 (OPEN)

Greater Venice Florida Dog Club, Inc.(2) , Thursday, June 12, 2025 (NOHS)

Greater Venice Florida Dog Club, Inc.(2) Beginner Puppy, Thursday, June 12, 2025 (BP)

Australian Shepherd Club of Central FL , Friday, June 13, 2025 (NOHS)

Central Florida Working Group Assn , Friday, June 13, 2025 (NOHS)

French Bulldog Fanciers of Mid Florida 1 , Friday, June 13, 2025 (NOHS)

Sarasota Kennel Club , Friday, June 13, 2025 (OPEN)

Sarasota Kennel Club , Friday, June 13, 2025 (NOHS)

Sarasota Kennel Club, Inc. Beginner Puppy, Friday, June 13, 2025 (BP)

Tampa Bay Bulldog Club , Friday, June 13, 2025 (NOHS)

Central Florida Dogo Argentino Club , Saturday, June 14, 2025

French Bulldog Fanciers of Mid Florida 2 , Saturday, June 14, 2025 (NOHS)

Mastiff Club of Florida, Inc. (2) , Saturday, June 14, 2025 (NOHS)

St Petersburg Dog Fanciers Assn (1) , Saturday, June 14, 2025 (OPEN)

St Petersburg Dog Fanciers Assn (1) , Saturday, June 14, 2025 (NOHS)

St Petersburg Dog Fanciers Assn (1) Beginner Puppy, Saturday, June 14, 2025 (BP)

Suncoast Cocker Span of Gr Clearwater(1) , Saturday, June 14, 2025 (NOHS)

Shih Tzu Fanciers of Central Florida , Saturday, June 14, 2025 (NOHS)

Sunshine State Herding Group Assn , Saturday, June 14, 2025 (NOHS)

Sunshine State Papillon Club (1) , Saturday, June 14, 2025 (NOHS)

Sunshine State Papillon Club Beginner Puppy, Saturday, June 14, 2025 (BP)

Tampa Bay Boxer Club (1) , Saturday, June 14, 2025 (NOHS)

Tampa Bay Chihuahua Club (1) , Saturday, June 14, 2025 (NOHS)

Tampa Bay Poodle Club, Inc. , Saturday, June 14, 2025 (NOHS)

American Bullmastiff Association, Inc. , Sunday, June 15, 2025

Mastiff Club of Florida, Inc. (3) , Sunday, June 15, 2025 (NOHS)

St Petersburg Dog Fanciers Assn (2) , Sunday, June 15, 2025 (OPEN)

Orlando Poodle Club, Inc. , Sunday, June 15, 2025 (NOHS)

St Petersburg Dog Fanciers Assn (2) , Sunday, June 15, 2025 (NOHS)

St Petersburg Dog Fanciers Assn (2) Beginner Puppy, Sunday, June 15, 2025 (BP)

Suncoast Cocker Span of Gr Clearwater(2) , Sunday, June 15, 2025 (NOHS)

Tampa Bay Boxer Club (2) , Sunday, June 15, 2025 (NOHS)

Tampa Bay Chihuahua Club (2) , Sunday, June 15, 2025 (NOHS)



This year's shows will be July 24-27, 2025



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Advanced entries close Sept 1st, 2025 at 6pm
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Nov 25-30th, 2025

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- Memphis Toy Dog Club - Saturday •
- MidSouth Fox Terrier Club of Memphis (Designated Specialty) •
- Dixieland Chihuahua Club of Greater Memphis (Designated Specialty) •

• National Owner Handled Series - 4 days •

• Beginner Puppy •

• OFA Eye Clinic, And Microchip - Saturday •

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Oconee River Kennel Club and Time To Fly
Performance Dog Sports!
Advanced entries close Nov 15th, 2025 at 6pm
CST. Day of entries will be accepted.

Bone Voyage! New Pet-Forward Air Charter, RetrievalAir, Now Accepting Bookings



Innovative air service creates affordable solution for pet owners to travel with dogs of all sizes in cabin

RetrievalAir, one of the only pet-forward air charter service, announced today it is now accepting bookings for its inaugural flights on May 21, 2025 in nine major metropolitan areas – New York (Farmingdale), Los Angeles (Van Nuys), Denver (Centennial), Dallas (Arlington), Chicago (Waukegan), Carmel (Monterey), Fort Lauderdale, Salt Lake City, and Tampa. This innovative travel solution addresses the significant challenges pet owners face when traveling, offering a compassionate alternative that keeps pets and their owners together throughout the entire journey.

“RetrievalAir was born from personal experience with my two Labradors, Maple and Willow,” said Benton Miller, CEO and founder of RetrievalAir. “Restrictive airline policies that separate pets from their families, partnered with the emotional toll of separation during travel, is significant for both pets and their owners. We’ve created a service that eliminates that stress while maintaining the accessibility of commercial travel—without the premium price of traditional private aviation.”

Industry research shows that 82% of dog owners report feeling anxious or worried about their pets when traveling, while 64% of Millennial pet parents say they would rather skip the trip entirely than leave their furry companions behind. From limited airline options to the emotional stress of separating from their pets, the experience can feel overwhelming and unfair. RetrievalAir offers a game-changing solution, allowing dogs of all sizes to travel safely in-cabin alongside their human companions, eliminating the

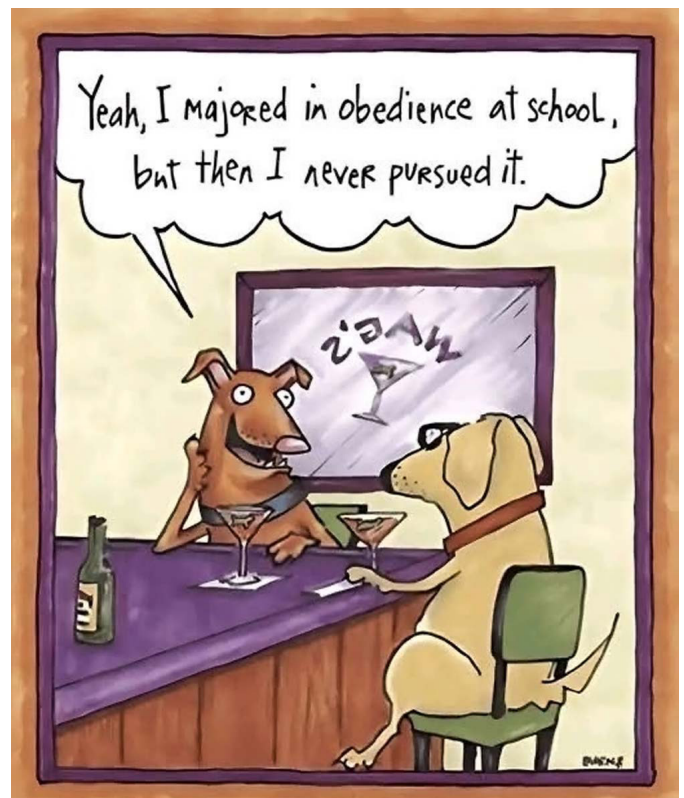
guesswork, guilt and logistical headaches that so many pet owners face.

The company has redesigned the air travel experience with pet comfort and owner convenience as primary considerations. Flights depart from executive airports with streamlined security procedures, eliminating the chaos of commercial terminals. The 30-seat regional jets feature spacious cabin configurations that accommodate pets of all sizes, from small breeds to Great Danes, ensuring they remain with their owners throughout the flight.

With a starting price of \$750 per segment for a one-way flight, RetrievalAir offers substantial value compared to private charter alternatives while remaining comparable to the cost of high-end pet boarding services. The service includes thoughtful amenities for both passengers and their pets, including an efficient back-to-front boarding process that minimizes pet-to-pet interaction, creating a comfortable and stress-reduced environment during travel.

“Throughout my 30-year career in aviation, I’ve recognized the growing demand for pet-inclusive travel options,” said Mark Williams, co-founder and veteran airline executive. “RetrievalAir fills this critical gap in the market by combining aviation expertise with genuine understanding of pet owners’ needs. Our specially trained flight attendants are not only hospitality professionals but are also knowledgeable in canine behavior to ensure a smooth experience for everyone onboard,” Williams added.

RetrievalAir is now booking flights, with its first flights leaving on May 21, 2025. For more information and to book, visit <https://retrievalair.com/>.





Nontoxic Ways to Protect Your Pet

How to find family-friendly flea and tick products that will provide effective care without skull-and-cross-bones ingredients.

The perils of pest protection

Most conventional flea and tick products—including collars, topical treatments, sprays, and dusts—are registered as pesticides and regulated by the EPA. (Those given orally, like pills, must be approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.) But here's the ugly truth: Many of the pesticides allowed for use on pets are linked to serious health issues in people, such as cancer and neurological and respiratory problems. Pets can also suffer: Skin irritation, neurological problems, gastrointestinal disorders, and even organ failure have been reported as a result of pet poisonings.

The government has faced criticism from NRDC and other watchdog groups about insufficient safety standards for these products. Consumers, as well as some veterinarians, don't know the whole story, says NRDC senior scientist Miriam Rotkin-Ellman. "Many vets count on the EPA to make sure that the products on the market are safe if used correctly." Unfortunately, the ingredients in these products are still quite dangerous, and regular use can result in unsafe exposure, particularly for children and pregnant women.

For example, even low-level exposure to organophosphates and carbamates—two particularly dangerous families of pesticides found in some flea treatments as well as in agricultural and lawn products—have been linked to learning disabilities in children. For this reason, most household uses of these pesticides have already been banned. Unfortunately, kids can still be exposed to them from their furry siblings' flea collars or other products.

Going nontoxic. Fortunately for many families, fleas can be controlled without resorting to harmful chemicals. Always try the strategies below first before considering chemicals—safer chemicals—if additional protection is needed. Here's what you can do:

Groom your pets regularly. Common soap and water will kill adult fleas. In addition, comb your animal's fur with a fine-tooth flea comb, and dunk any critters into a container of sudsy water.

Clean, clean, clean. Wash your pet's bedding weekly in hot, soapy water, and vacuum and wipe down pet-frequent surfaces often.

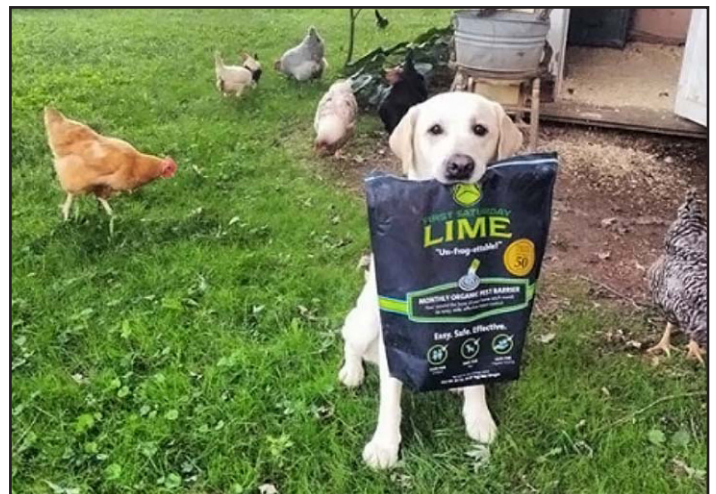
First Saturday Lime Insect Repellent

From keeping insects out of your home to refreshing chicken coops and gardens, First Saturday Lime is the easy way to repel insects and kill odor-causing bacteria with peace of mind. First Saturday Lime is completely safe for people, pets, plants, and the planet when used as directed. We even offer a 100% money back, satisfaction guarantee!

Uses for First Saturday Lime

- ~Protect your home from insects and pests
- ~Prevent ants, mites, and other pests from your garden
- ~Keep fleas and ticks out of your yard
- ~Control algae growth in water bowls, troughs and bird baths
- ~Freshen and deodorize barns and chicken coops
- ~Use as a limewash for walls, crafts, coops, trees... etc.

Lime helps your grass! Think of it as a spa day for your lawn soil, allowing it to bask in all its nutrient glory! When you add lime to your lawn, you're essentially giving it a balanced diet.





Dobermans in the Past

In 1955, during the late evening hours when Macy's Herald Square store was closed and empty of shoppers, a team of four skilled Doberman Pinschers were entrusted with guarding the establishment.

Of those four canine guards, two dogs named Red Star and Mom specifically patrolled the Women's dress department to ensure no unwanted intruders entered that area.

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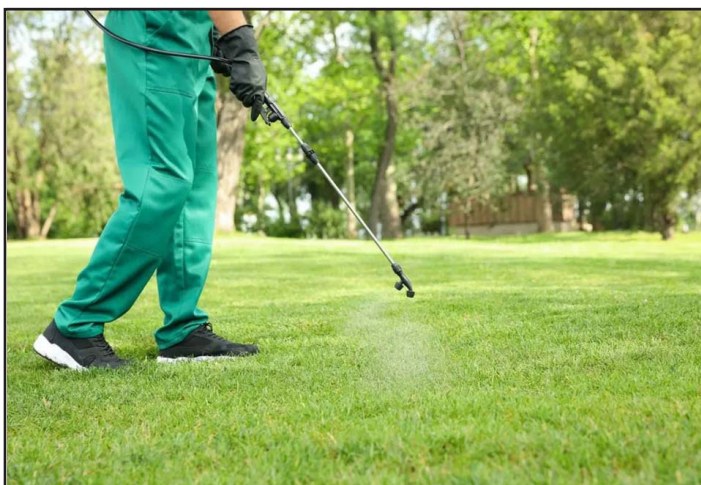
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How Chemical Lawn Care is Hurting Your Dog and How to Keep Them Safe

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Research has shown that certain chemicals in some lawn care products have been directly linked to an increase in canine cancers like lymphoma and bladder cancer.



How does lawn care impact my dog's chances of developing cancer?

It's probably not a surprise to you that chemical lawn care can have an impact on anything it comes into contact with, not just the grass underneath it. You, your dog, any children, and wild animals that come into contact with treated lawns can be directly impacted by it.

One of the main reasons for the danger comes from a commonly used chemical herbicide called 2,4-Dichlorophenoxyacetic acid (2,4-D). Which has been directly linked to a 70% higher risk for canine malignant lymphoma by the Journal of Environmental Research in 2012.¹⁻⁸

But 2,4-D isn't the only dangerous chemical. According to a newsletter by beyondpesticides.org "Of 30 commonly used lawn pesticides, 19 have studies pointing towards carcinogens, 13 are linked with birth defects, 21 with reproductive effects, 15 with neurotoxicity, 26 with liver or kidney damage, 27 are sensitizers and/or irritants and 11 have the potential to disrupt the endocrine (hormonal) system."

What homeowners should look out for in lawn care products

When you have control over your own lawn care, there are plenty of ingredients to avoid adding to your lawn. The problem is that lawn care products are not required to list all of their ingredients, only the active ingredients, which means that there is always a chance that even when you do everything right, you are still endangering the people and animals that come in contact with your lawn.

That being said, some active ingredients you absolutely want to stay away from aside from 2,4-D would be:

- Bifenthrin: commonly used in grub and insect control products. It's listed as a possible carcinogen by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

- Glyphosate: an herbicide that is non-selective, it kills plants by taking away nutrients and weakening the immune system. It has been linked to kidney disease, cancer, and birth defects. It's commonly found in Round-Up weed killer.

- Atrazine (1,2): a widely used herbicide in the U.S. that was banned in Europe in 2004, it's been linked to being an endocrine disruptor.

Almost any chemical product that is designed to kill an aspect of your natural lawn—insecticide, pesticide, herbicide, etc.—will be a detriment to you and your dog's health in the long run. Even many chemical fertilizers are dangerous as well. If you are trying to put your pet first, changing your lawn care from anything chemical-based to a more natural and organic method of care would be best.¹⁻⁸

Other options for lawn care

Though the challenge of developing an organic lawn care system may prove to be more time consuming than buying a bottle of Round-Up and calling it a day, it is better for everyone in direct contact with your yard and for the future health of the planet as well.

To transition to a more natural lawn care system will take a bit of research on your part, but once you know what you're looking for and what needs you want to be met, it's as simple as keeping the ingredients on hand.

Think of the products that you use on a regular basis. What are they for? What are they doing to your lawn? Then it's as easy as Googling how to do that same thing naturally.

Weed killer? Replace with corn gluten meal (a natural weed killer and fertilizer).

Pest control? Try diatomaceous earth and boric acid. A little bit of time spent researching could possibly add years to your pet's life.



HOMEMADE STRAWBERRY OATMEAL DOG TREATS

(in only 15 minutes)



I tried one myself. I made them with healthy human food, so why not? However, I thought they were bland. With a little strawberry jam, it might have been better for humans. However, the dogs! It was love at first bite!

Have I mentioned how easy it is to make these things? Making homemade dog treats can be a little intimidating at first if you're not used to it.

Although most of the ingredients may already be in your pantry or refrigerator, so you won't rack up a huge bill. An added benefit is knowing that your pup is eating foods without preservatives, gluten, and other unhealthy preservatives -- And they're organic!

Organic Strawberry Oatmeal Cookies

Ingredients

- 1 ¼ cup organic oats
- ½ cup peanut butter (I use Organic Smucker's Organic Natural Creamy Peanut Butter)
- ½ cup chopped organic strawberries

Instructions

1. Preheat the oven to 350° degrees Fahrenheit.
 2. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper.
 3. Grind the oats in a food processor or high speed blender.
 4. Add the chopped strawberries and peanut butter, and pulse. **If this doesn't work perfectly to make a solid dough, remove the mixture and place into a bowl, then mash mixture with a potato masher, until it makes a nice solid dough.
 5. Roll the dough out on a clean, flat surface.
 6. Use the cookie cutter to cut shapes, and place the shapes onto the baking sheet.
 7. Bake for 15 minutes.
 8. Remove from the oven and set on a baking rack until completely cooled.
 9. Place treats into an airtight container, and store in the refrigerator for up to 2 weeks.
- (I use **Organic Smucker's Organic Natural Creamy Peanut Butter** – only ingredient is peanuts!)

