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Subject: unregister\_netdevice: waiting for venet0=ffff8101e595d800 to become free. Usage count = 8 ve=5011  
Posted by [subigo](#) on Sat, 03 Apr 2010 00:28:38 GMT  
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I have seen people complaining about this error for literally years now. Every single time they are told "upgrade to the latest kernel". Well, this has been plaguing me on a server over the course of 8 different kernel versions and it has never gone away.

This bug sometimes causes the server load to go out of control, causes network traffic to almost stop, and a number of other things.

This is the error I get in the logs and EVERY time I try to stop a container.

```
[root@node ~]# vzctl stop 5011
Stopping container ...
```

```
Message from syslogd@ at Fri Apr  2 19:18:05 2010 ...
node kernel: unregister_netdevice: waiting for venet0=ffff8101e595d800 to become free. Usage
count = 8 ve=5011
Message from syslogd@ at Fri Apr  2 19:18:36 2010 ...
node last message repeated 3 times
Message from syslogd@ at Fri Apr  2 19:18:46 2010 ...
node kernel: unregister_netdevice: waiting for venet0=ffff8101e595d800 to become free. Usage
count = 8 ve=5011
Message from syslogd@ at Fri Apr  2 19:18:46 2010 ...
node kernel: unregister_netdevice: device ffff8101e595d800 marked to leak
Message from syslogd@ at Fri Apr  2 19:18:46 2010 ...
node kernel: free_netdev: device venet0=ffff8101e595d800 leaked
Message from syslogd@ at Fri Apr  2 19:18:56 2010 ...
node kernel: unregister_netdevice: waiting for lo=ffff8101f1534800 to become free. Usage count =
14 ve=5011
Message from syslogd@ at Fri Apr  2 19:19:27 2010 ...
node last message repeated 3 times
Message from syslogd@ at Fri Apr  2 19:19:38 2010 ...
node kernel: unregister_netdevice: waiting for lo=ffff8101f1534800 to become free. Usage count =
14 ve=5011
Message from syslogd@ at Fri Apr  2 19:19:38 2010 ...
node kernel: unregister_netdevice: device ffff8101f1534800 marked to leak
Message from syslogd@ at Fri Apr  2 19:19:38 2010 ...
node kernel: free_netdev: device lo=ffff8101f1534800 leakedContainer was stopped
Container is unmounted
```

Any help would be great.

And yes, I have seen this report and I am running the latest kernel.  
[http://bugzilla.openvz.org/show\\_bug.cgi?id=1450](http://bugzilla.openvz.org/show_bug.cgi?id=1450)

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Subject: Re: unregister\_netdevice: waiting for venet0=ffff8101e595d800 to become free. Usage count = 8 ve=501

Posted by [mindstormmaster](#) on Fri, 04 Jun 2010 21:53:22 GMT

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I've got a similar problem. I posted before in a different thread and was told to update my kernel. I did, and still have the problem.

```
[root@fluffy ~]# vzctl stop 1177
Stopping container ...
```

```
Message from syslogd@ at Fri Jun  4 14:49:04 2010 ...
```

```
fluffy kernel: unregister_netdevice: waiting for venet0=ffff8105e221b800 to become free. Usage
count = 7 ve=1177
```

```
Message from syslogd@ at Fri Jun  4 14:49:45 2010 ...
```

```
fluffy last message repeated 4 times
```

```
Message from syslogd@ at Fri Jun  4 14:49:45 2010 ...
```

```
fluffy kernel: unregister_netdevice: device ffff8105e221b800 marked to leak
```

```
Message from syslogd@ at Fri Jun  4 14:49:45 2010 ...
```

```
fluffy kernel: free_netdev: device venet0=ffff8105e221b800 leakedContainer was stopped
Container is unmounted
```

```
[root@fluffy ~]# uname -a
```

```
Linux fluffy.cptn.net 2.6.18-164.11.1.el5.028stab068.5 #1 SMP Mon Mar 15 19:26:36 MSK 2010
x86_64 x86_64 x86_64 GNU/Linux
```