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Cherish The Kittens Special Edition

YOUR DONATION DOUBLED!

The kittens are coming ... and their big blue eyes are looking at you.

But springtime is no fairytale for frail newborns and orphans. Without big hearts to comfort and protect them, the littlest kittens will be lost.

But you're here, and together we can Cherish the Kittens.

Now through May 1st, your

donation will be doubled. You'll provide world-class medical care, skilled nursing for newborns, and unconditional love for every innocent orphan.

You're about to meet a few of the babies you've helped to blossom. Please let them inspire you to give from your heart.



Your gift will be doubled for orphans like Lilo



New Beginnings: Berry

Angela Townsend, Development Director

A kitten's life should be sweeter than pie. But Berry was in a terrible jam.

The little muffin was born with a smile that never quits, and a neurological condition called spina bifida. Berry could have a beautiful life ... but only with exceptional care. Babies like Berry are often deemed

"hopeless."

But at Tabby's Place, we believe Berry is perfect, just the way he is. And thanks to you, we are known worldwide as the haven for kittens with extraordinary needs. If they have run out of hope elsewhere, they can run, walk, or wobble into our open arms.

Today, Berry is thriving and getting into silly shenanigans. Skilled hands express his bladder, and smitten friends play with him all day. When he gets excited, Berry's curly back legs soar in the air like wings. The sweet spot of his life is snuggling



Thanks to you, Berry's life is a jamboree of joy



Berry

in your arms, beaming like you are the apple of his eye.

There are many "Berries" about to burst forth this spring, and Tabby's Place is their only chance.

Please hold them close to your heart and give today. Your donation will be doubled!

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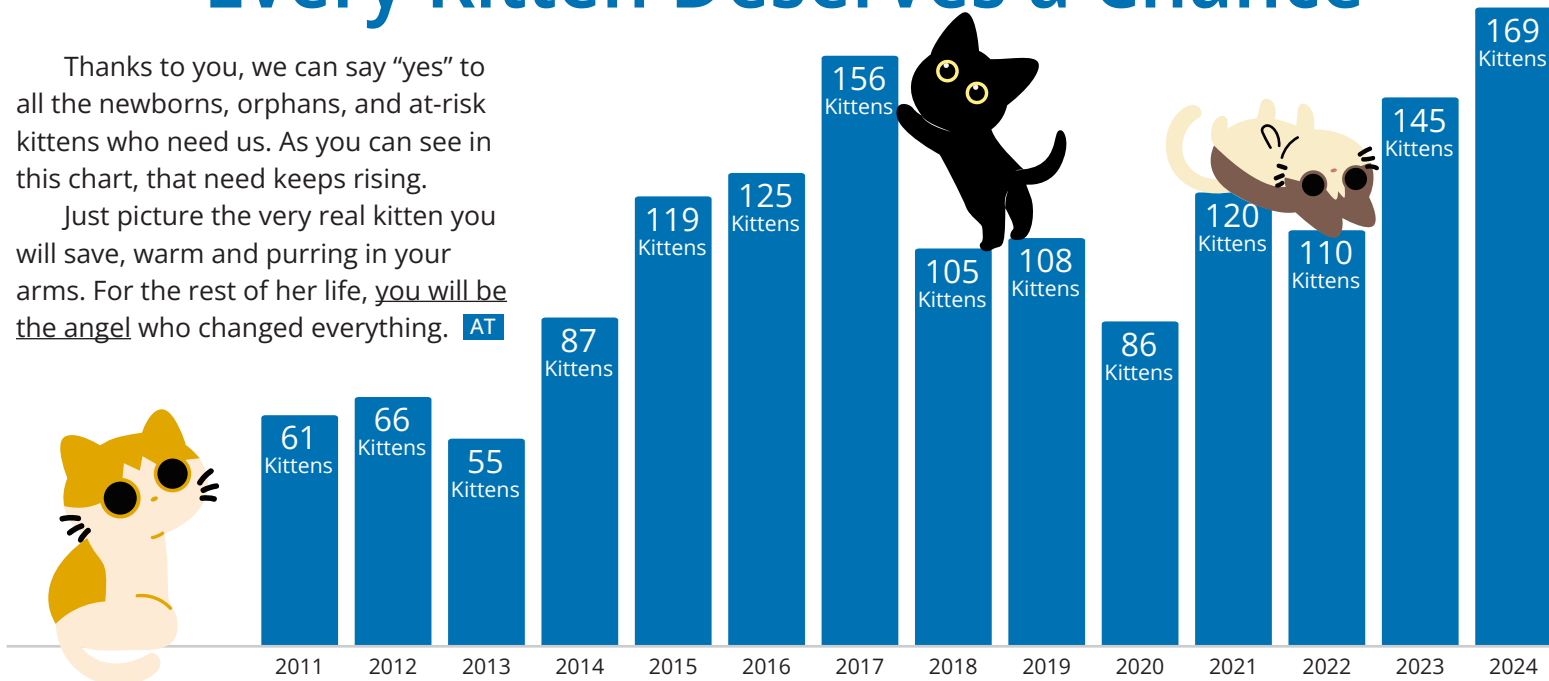
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Every Kitten Deserves a Chance

Thanks to you, we can say “yes” to all the newborns, orphans, and at-risk kittens who need us. As you can see in this chart, that need keeps rising.

Just picture the very real kitten you will save, warm and purring in your arms. For the rest of her life, you will be the angel who changed everything. **AT**



Cherished Kitten: Corn

Baby Corn was stalked by sickness. Infection ravaged his little lungs, and severe dehydration left him dry as a husk. By the time he came to Tabby's Place, the orphan looked like a fading old man. The hour was late.

But this is Tabby's Place.

Our medical team flew into action, providing intensive care for Corn. His weary eyes widened. Even in critical condition, he began to purr.

When the sun rose, Corn awoke in the home of our veterinary technician, who would nurse him through each delicate day.

Just when it seemed Corn would come through, tragedy struck. Our brave baby began to lose his hard-won weight. Corn faced the cruelest foe in the field: feline infectious peritonitis (FIP).

There was only one kernel of hope.

A cutting edge 84-day treatment could save Corn's life.

Bringing an orphan back from the brink is delicate and costly. Doing so **twice** is a towering task.

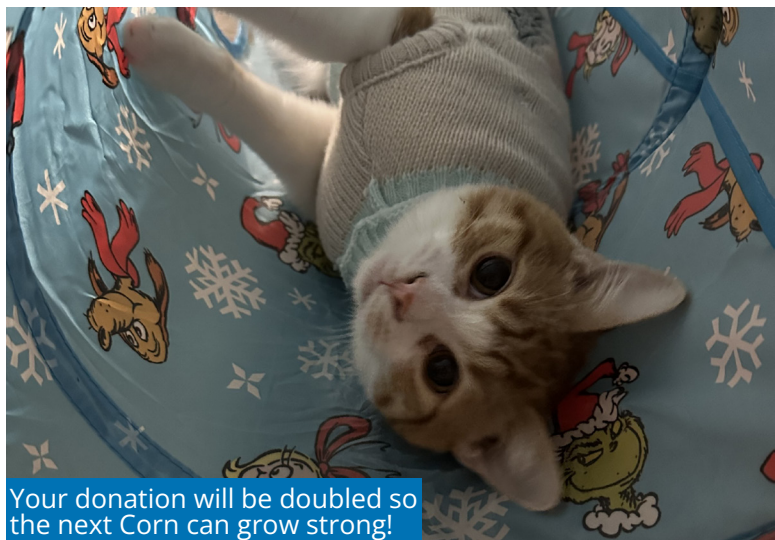
But this is Tabby's Place. And you are the cornerstone.



Corn arrived with scarcely a kernel of hope

Thanks to you, Corn was cherished. He had so much love to live for, he gave it his all. And today, he's popping with joy in a home of his own. Healthy and adored, Corn (now called Muffin) is an orphan no more.

Please give today, so the sun will rise tomorrow for the next baby Corn. **AT**



Your donation will be doubled so the next Corn can grow strong!



BEHAVIOR CORNER

Setting Your New Kitten Up for Success

Carolyn Schultz, Behavior Team Lead

When you welcome home a kitten (or even better, a darling duo), you're anxious to do everything right. You love your tiny bundle of fur so much, you would do anything for them. Fortunately, there are reliable tips to set them on the path to a lifetime of happiness.

I like to think of three different areas to focus on with new kittens:

1. Acclimation: It's crucial to start your new kitten in a single room or smaller space (such as a playpen) to help them adjust to their new home. Giving a kitten too much space too

soon can make them unsure of their new surroundings. By utilizing a smaller space, you can slowly introduce your kitten to their home and make sure they feel comfortable exploring. This helps ensure your kitten knows where to find their food, water, and litter box. Once you let your kitten explore more space, you may need to add more litter boxes. Kittens have small bladders, and when they need to go, they need quick access to a litter box to reinforce good habits.

2. Enrichment: Kittens have boundless energy! There's no better enrichment than another kitten, so they have someone to play with 'round the clock. Cat trees and scratchers will help keep your kitten from getting bored (and into trouble). Wand toys are an amazing tool, as they provide an extension of your arm so that your kitten does not view your hand as a toy. Motorized toys can keep your kitten

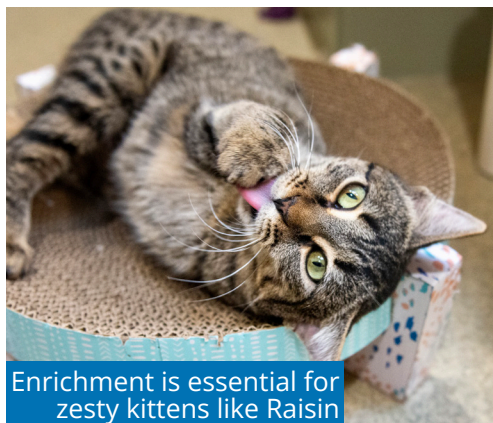


Kittens like Elliot count on you to teach them 'manners'

occupied when you can't play with them.

3. Socialization: Young kittens are very receptive to training. If a kitten starts to nip or grab at your hand, walk away for a couple minutes. This teaches the kitten they will lose your attention if they perform this inappropriate behavior. Kittenhood is also a perfect time to get little ones used to handling for nail trimming and vet visits. When your kitten is calm and resting, touch their paws to get them used to it. Encourage visitors to spend time with your kitten, so they do not feel afraid of strangers.

Taking home a kitten may seem overwhelming at first. But with time-tested wisdom and unconditional love, the best is yet to come for both of you!



Enrichment is essential for zesty kittens like Raisin

Cherished Kittens: The V-6

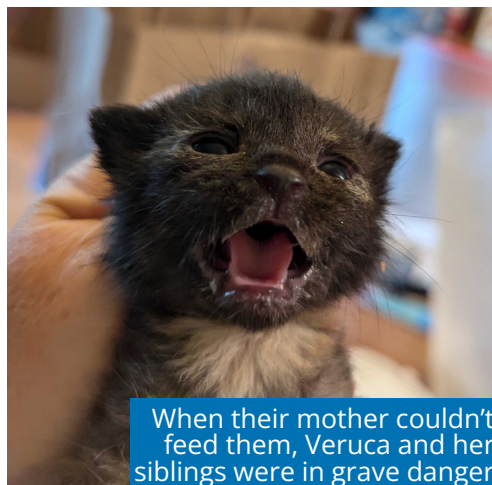
What happens when your Mama needs mothering?

You're in very big trouble ... unless someone loves you very much.

Six newborn niblets seemed to have it made. Verity, Virgo, Veruca, Vernon, Vaughn, and Vegas were born at Tabby's Place. Nestled in a foster home, their mother Vanessa could raise her kittens in safety.

But anxious Vanessa was scarcely out of kittenhood herself, and she did

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When their mother couldn't feed them, Veruca and her siblings were in grave danger



But your donation provides skilled caregivers, so babies like Vaughn and the V-6 can thrive



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not know what to do.

The signs of a fading kitten may be subtle until it is too late. But Tabby's Place has a team of vigilant, skilled (and often sleepless) foster parents, trained for just this purpose.

Vanessa's foster mother checked on the little family 'round the clock. She intuited that the kittens were not flourishing. Vanessa was unable to feed her newborns, and they would not last long without immediate intervention.

Stepping in to mother a newborn kitten is not for the faint of heart. It takes calm nerves and great skill to tube-feed a terrified infant. Every beat of his heart depends upon this total commitment.

Your donations have built a network of valiant "parents." Before tragedy could unfold, they rose to the challenge, and all six kittens got a second start. By the time their blue eyes opened, they were full of mischief and magic, with little fat bowling-ball bellies bouncing all the way.

Today, Vanessa, Verity, Virgo, Veruca, Vernon, Vaughn, and Vegas are happy and adored. Their difficult start is a distant memory, and the best is yet to come.

If not for you, Tabby's Place would not have the resources to rescue fragile mothers and kittens, or to train a world-class team of caregivers. Your donation makes you a "parent" to the next needy family. Please give today,

and you will be part of their story for the rest of their lives. **AT**



Thanks to our trained foster team, not one kitten was lost! Today, Verity and siblings are all thriving in forever homes.

Cherished Kittens: Camilla & the Rockers

Mama cats are all courageous. But Shakira shimmers in a class of her own.

Scarcely a teenager, the silver star was pregnant with four kittens. But Shakira almost never got to hear the music of their meows. She was one of over sixty cats in a sickly, overcrowded colony, and time was not on her side.

But with you on our side, Tabby's Place launched a daring rescue of the entire colony. Just in time, Shakira snuggled into safety, giving birth to Aerosmith, Phish, Joplin, and Zeppelin.

Undaunted by the pain of her past, Shakira delighted in her tiny rock stars.

Unconcerned for herself, she loved them with all her strength. We knew we were in the presence of greatness.

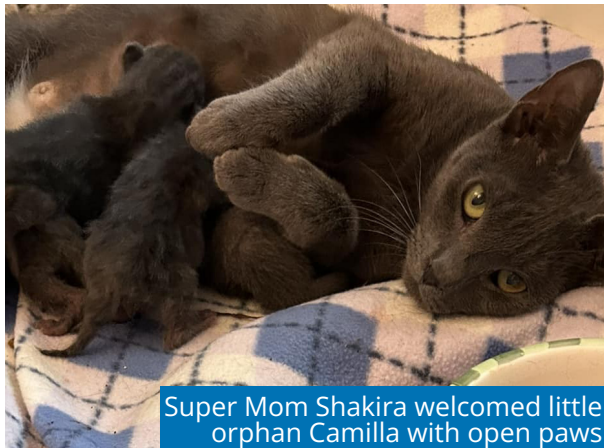
Miles away, a newborn wailed alone. With her eyes still shut, Camilla never saw her mother leave. She only knew she was terrified...and so very cold.

Then came the lullaby of soft voices and warm hands. The orphan was found. But a day-old kitten is as fragile as a butterfly, and Camilla's melody was faint.

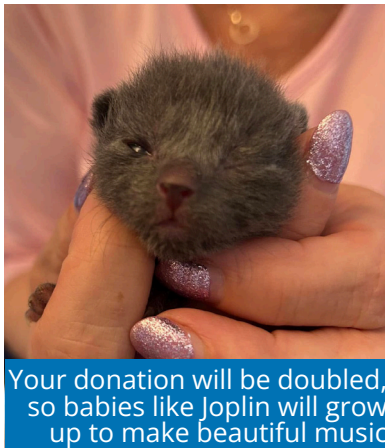
Might there be room for one more in the band?

There is no guarantee that a mother cat will "adopt" an orphan. But this was no ordinary mama. The instant Shakira glimpsed Camilla, she saw her very own daughter. Soon, the family of six was purring in perfect harmony.

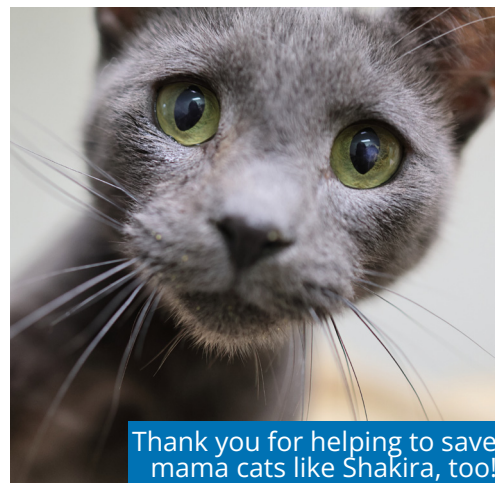
Tabby's Place is called upon for complex and delicate cases. No two love songs are the same, and cherishing kittens calls for creativity – and courage. When you donate, you'll ensure we can spring into action for each mother and kitten who needs us. Shakira would be so proud of you! **AT**



Super Mom Shakira welcomed little orphan Camilla with open paws



Your donation will be doubled, so babies like Joplin will grow up to make beautiful music



Thank you for helping to save mama cats like Shakira, too!



Cherish Forever: Your Legacy for the Little Ones

Many people are fond of kittens. But you don't stop there. Your love is stronger than a fuzzy feeling.

Such powerful love is meant to last beyond a lifetime.

If saving cats is a crucial part of who you are, you can make sure your mission continues well into the future. By including Tabby's Place in your will, you can continue to be here for cats and kittens with nowhere else to turn.

Estate gifts are often the most generous, life-saving donations we receive. Most of us are not able to

donate as much as we'd like during our lives, but we can make a major impact through our will.

It is poignant to picture the innocent faces of cats yet to come, knowing they will be safe because of your decision today. Including them in your will takes less than 20 minutes, and you can do so for free on our website.

You are a rare force of good in this world. Please make sure you'll always be here for the little ones. **AT**



Your legacy will save fragile babies like Mercy

Cherished Kitten: Stromboli

Stromboli had all the ingredients for a tragedy. A kind passerby glimpsed a clump of white fur and plucked him from the grass. But Stromboli's temperature was too low to survive, and his life was slipping away.

We knew the facts. All evidence

indicated this kitten would just not make it. But there are secret recipes not found on any menu: stubborn hope and unconditional love.

Thanks to you, Tabby's Place has a vet team with unmatched expertise and 96 combined years of experience caring for "hopeless" kittens. Working at the speed of love, they wrapped Stromboli in heat support and delivered intensive care. Veterinary Technician Drew cared for him through

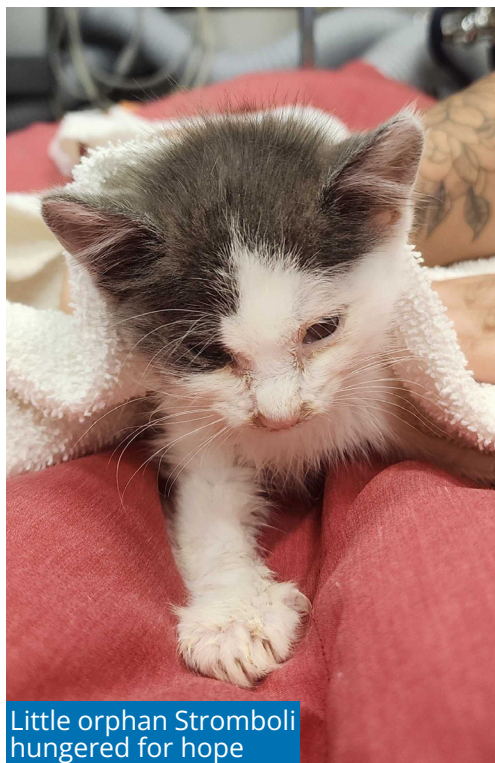
the night, trading sleep for Stromboli's survival.

There were no guarantees ... but in the morning, there was Stromboli, still alive, kneading the tiniest "biscuits."

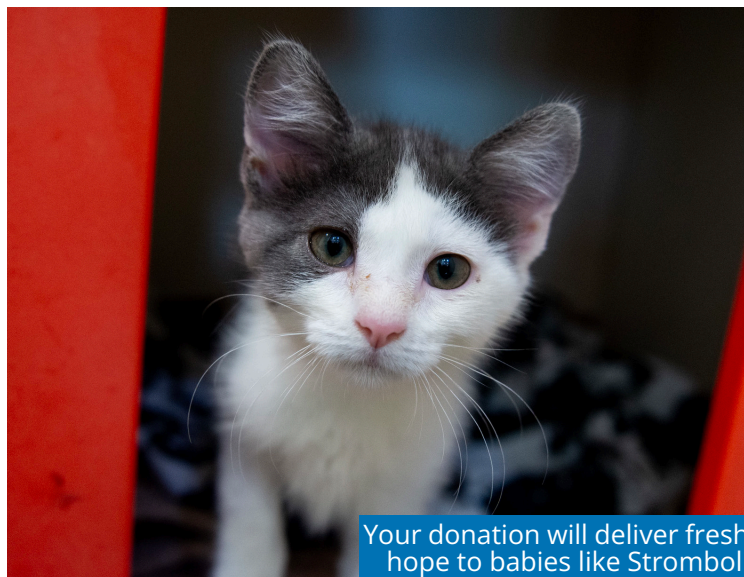
Each day Stromboli survived was cause for celebration. As his strength returned, he made up for lost time. Once frail and faint, Stromboli grew zesty, making mischief with people and kitten friends. One of those friends, Amber, would turn into a

sister. Shivering no more, "hopeless" Stromboli was delivered warm to his forever home.

If you believe we should never give up on a kitten, please add your "recipe" to our compassionate cookbook. Your gift today means hope for the next sweet Stromboli. **AT**



Little orphan Stromboli hungered for hope



Your donation will deliver fresh hope to babies like Stromboli



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No Kitten Uncherished

As you read these words, a kitten is born.

Today, she has no name. We are about to get the phone call from a good Samaritan who found her cold and wailing. But tomorrow, she could be "your" kitten, cherished and safe.

Sign up to sponsor the [Kitten Fund](#), and you'll become one of the first friends an orphan knows. Your monthly donation will put you on the front lines of love and mercy, ready to save each

baby in her hour of need.

We count on [Kitten Fund sponsors](#) so we can say "yes" to unexpected arrivals and desperate phone calls. When a newborn is in need, there's no time to fundraise.

You can be the sturdy cradle for kittens in crisis. You'll be here the first time they hear their names, forget their fears, and toddle into the future with full bellies. And each month, we'll send you updates on the kittens you've saved.



Little ones can rest easy when you're on their side

Please make sure every kitten is cherished. We can't wait to welcome them together. [AT](#)

Happy Endings: Adder & Boa

Ron and Colleen Ofeldt, Adopters

Meeting Boa and Adder for the first time was nerve-wracking. It felt like I was on a dating show—what if they didn't like us? What if they weren't the right fit for our family? But when we saw their photos online, we knew they were meant to be ours. There was an instant connection, a gut feeling that these two sweet souls would be the perfect additions to our home.

When we met them in person, their personalities instantly stood out.

Adder was calm and affectionate, while Boa was curious and playful. Despite the nerves, we knew they would fit perfectly into our family dynamic. The moment we took them home, we could already see how comfortable and content they felt with us.

Now that they're with us, life is full of joy. Boa and Adder have made themselves right at home, each developing their own little quirks. They love hanging out with us, whether



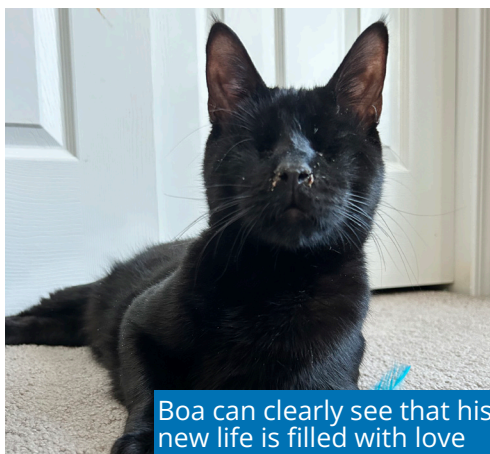
The boys arrived at Tabby's Place critically ill

lounging in the sun, chasing their favorite toys, or simply curling up in our laps. Boa is a cuddle enthusiast, always wanting to be near us, while Adder keeps us on our toes with his playful energy.

The bond we share with them grows daily, and it's a true joy to see them thriving in their forever home. We never imagined that adopting two cats would bring so much happiness, but they've quickly become beloved members of our family. They are the sweetest cats in the world, and we are so grateful to have them with us.



Today, the boys are thriving in their forever home



Boa can clearly see that his new life is filled with love

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