

Wood County Humane Society

Bowling Green, Ohio



2003 ANNUAL REPORT

THANKS TO OUR FRIENDS FOR A REMARKABLE YEAR

The Wood County Humane Society has had a remarkable year. Our dedicated staff and Board of Directors have worked together to provide many valuable and unique services to the citizens of Wood County and to help hundreds of animals. These services include hundreds of cruelty investigations, a feral cat spay/neuter initiative, educational programs, information and referral and the Safe Pets Program, that helps people fleeing violence by providing temporary housing for their pets.

These activities are supported by our kind and generous community through a myriad of fundraisers and appeals; by the Wood County Commissioners, who annually provide funding for our Humane Agent; and by various grants and contributions from businesses and non-profit foundations. This year we are very grateful for the support of the Kenneth A. Scott Foundation for funding S.N.I.P., a spay/neuter project in several Wood County



KAY & CRAIG & FOSTER KITTENS

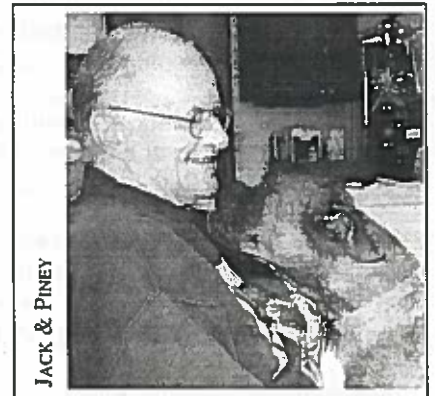


RENEE VALTIN & MACY

mobile home parks, for the continued support of the Alltel Corporation, which provides our cell phones, for the weekly Pet of the Week ads sponsored by The Brass Key Shop; for Darlene Petkowitz's ongoing and invaluable contributions of accounting services; for the generous individuals who have donated a dryer, a Ford van and a boat and all its appurtenances, dozens of hand-crocheted cat cozies, and useful items too numerous to name here.

We are extremely thankful for the efforts of Marlene Norton and Ann Stott, who contributed the Financial Review that we needed at a greatly reduced cost; for the bequest of Peggy Hurst, a longtime friend of WCHS; for our membership in Community Shares; for two new lifetime members; for the volunteers who spend hours and hours on fundraising activities, or helping at the shelter and for everyone who has sent a donation or fostered a dog or cat. We have so much to be thankful for!

This year we have a very important challenge before us. For the past three years, the Board of Directors has set a new outdoor kennel system as the number one priority in terms of caring humanely and safely for the animals under our protection. Last year, Poggemeyer Design Group drew up a plan for us, and we received a best bid of \$64,000 from the Delventhal Company. WCHS is thrilled to have received a Challenge Grant from the Andersons Fund Supporting Organization: a 1:2 match grant of \$20,000. To make our dream a reality, we must raise an extra \$40,000 before 12/31/04. This Kennel Campaign is a big challenge - but with the good will of this great community, I know we can make it happen!



JACK & PINEY

I step down as president with a glad heart, knowing that this organization is strong. My sincere and humble thanks for the opportunity to work with such an effective, kind, hardworking and caring group of people. I know 2004 will be another remarkable year.

Many thanks to our donors and friends for making all of this possible.

Jacqui Nathan, President

FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

Committee Members: Shirley Hoemann, Kathy Hershberger, Jacqui Nathan, Esther Duda, Jan Harr, Val Fine, Natalie Pendell, Beverly Baumgartner, and Gail Finan.

2003 Fundraising Highlights:

Mutt Strut Walkathon – This April 27 event at the BGSU stadium raised \$4,500 in pledges, with \$775 in prize donations and \$160 in food donations.



Garage Sales—This year's garage sales held in May and August were again coordinated by Sandy Lepper and Sue Butler and were a big success—over \$18,000.

Wine & Cheese Silent Auction – Held on July 25 at Otsego Stone Hall. Recognition Awards were given in honor of major donors (Conley, Fuller, Wilson, Hurst). Val Fine very successfully coordinated the event again this year. We had 83 registered attendees and a net income well over budget (~\$4,500).

Citifest/Riverfest – Thanks to major recruiting efforts by Val Fine, and lots of volunteers, the event went off very successfully and brought in \$3,000.

Bandana Sales – Volunteer Gail Finan is making and selling dog bandanas as a fundraiser. A big hit so far - over \$150!

Holiday Appeal – BGSU student volunteers assisted the Committee in putting this important annual mailing together. The seasonal good will brought in over \$11,000.

Santa Photos —Christy Spontelli again coordinated and Castle Photo sponsored this event on December 6th at BG High School and raised about \$1,250 net.

Jewelry Raffle – Roberta Howard generously donated a diamond necklace valued at \$3,700, and a reception with refreshments and live music on December 15 at Howard's Jewelry. The event raised about \$850.

Bloomdale Elementary School 3rd Graders – This kind-hearted class collected \$200 for WCHS as a holiday gift.

Scott Foundation Grant — The Kenneth A. Scott Foundation donated \$4,000 for the Spay/Neuter trailer park program.

Sale of donated van and boat, boat trailer & outboard motor — All of these items were generously donated by BG citizens (Ann Beck & Kurt Panter and Bob & Peg Schneider), and are being advertised for sale in the Auto Trader.

2004 Upcoming Fundraising Highlights:

Annual Mutt Strut – Scheduled for Sunday, April 25th from 11am-2pm at BGSU Stadium.

Wine & Cheese Silent Auction – Tentatively scheduled for late June 2004.

Garage Sales—Scheduled for late May and late August of 2004

Golf Outing – Tentatively planning to hold a golf event fundraiser and BBQ in late August

Anderson's Fund Supporting Organization Grant – WCHS has been awarded a 2:1 matching grant for up to \$20,000 to build new kennels and dog runs. The committee will be working to help raise the \$40,000 matching funds by the December 31, 2004 deadline.

STAFF MEMBERS



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Building a community that works for everyone.

Community Shares is a partnering of social, economic and environmental justice and cultural enrichment agencies that collaborate to increase support to its members by providing visibility and funding through workplace fundraising.



WOOD COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY

2003 FINANCIAL REPORT

**WCHS
FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

YEAR ENDING 2003

ASSETS

Cash and Bank Accounts

Sky Bank Checking #605756 - Operating Account	\$21,730.54
Sky Bank Checking #6700022614-Spay/Neuter Fund	\$4,138.60
CD 8260036457-Job & Fam Srvs-Due 08/08/05	\$1,200.00

CD 8260042421-	\$0.00
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CD 8260019318 (Collateral for Van Loan)	\$0.00
Suresaver CD #3802041372 - Due 04/11/04	\$25,581.20

Huntington Savings #04044295709	<u>\$1,302.35</u>
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SUBTOTAL	\$53,952.69
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Foundation Accounts

Amy Ethel Wilson Fund - Spay/Neuter (Cats)	\$21,825.44
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WCHS Fund - Operating	<u>\$19,705.17</u>
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SUBTOTAL	\$41,530.61
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Stocks

Kerr-McGee Corp (KMG)	\$393.92
Newmont Mining Corp (NEM)	\$4,606.35

Owens-Corning (OWENQ)	\$11.00
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PPG Industries (PPG)	\$5,283.84
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Sunoco (SUN)	<u>\$1,261.55</u>
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SUBTOTAL	\$11,556.66
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Real Estate

Shelter and Lot	\$200,000.00
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Equipment	<u>\$6,905.00</u>
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SUBTOTAL	\$206,905.00
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TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$313,944.96</u>
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LIABILITIES

Union Bank - Mortgage Loan - 70239	\$106,329.46
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Sky Bank - Van Loan - 6000210768	<u>\$0.00</u>
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TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>\$106,329.46</u>
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ASSETS - LIABILITIES	<u>\$207,615.50</u>
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WCHS REVENUE SUMMARY
(As of 12/31/03)

<u>OPERATING INCOME</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>BUDGETED</u>	<u>2004 BUDGET</u>
REVENUE			
<u>COMMUNITY EVENT INCOME</u>			
Donations	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$250.00</u>
			\$250.00
<u>FUNDRAISING INCOME</u>			
Amerifund Sales	\$33,201.00	\$29,000.00	\$30,000.00
Band Night	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Bandana Sales	\$15.00	\$0.00	\$600.00
Cat Show	\$743.00	\$800.00	\$900.00
Citifest	\$3,016.32	\$0.00	\$0.00
Corn Maze	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
Donation Boxes	\$1,866.84	\$2,400.00	\$2,000.00
Garage Sales	\$18,682.23	\$18,000.00	\$17,500.00
Golf Outing	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,000.00
Gumball Machines	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$0.00
Holiday Mail Fundraiser	\$11,013.08	\$11,000.00	\$11,000.00
Jewelry Raffle	\$50.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
McDonalds Night	\$0.00	\$350.00	\$0.00
Mutt Strut	\$5,370.01	\$4,500.00	\$10,000.00
NOCS	\$4,272.00	\$500.00	\$6,000.00
Pepsi Machines	\$85.50	\$0.00	\$50.00
Santa Photos	\$1,618.80	\$2,000.00	\$750.00
Wine & Cheese Benefit	<u>\$8,067.80</u>	<u>\$6,000.00</u>	<u>\$10,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$88,001.58	\$75,850.00	\$94,500.00
<u>MEMBERSHIP INCOME</u>			
Amerifund Donations	\$1,227.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,200.00
General Donations	\$8,316.93	\$7,000.00	\$6,500.00
Membership Dues	\$13,745.00	\$14,000.00	\$8,000.00
New Amerifund Memberships	<u>\$3,010.00</u>	<u>\$2,000.00</u>	<u>\$2,500.00</u>
TOTAL	\$26,298.93	\$24,500.00	\$18,200.00
<u>PUBLIC RELATIONS INCOME</u>			
Memorials/In Honor Of	\$9,085.23	\$4,000.00	\$5,000.00
T-Shirts/Sweatshirts	<u>\$74.00</u>	<u>\$150.00</u>	<u>\$75.00</u>
TOTAL	\$9,159.23	\$4,150.00	\$5,075.00
<u>SHELTER INCOME</u>			
Adoptions	\$15,502.00	\$20,000.00	\$15,000.00
Cell Ohone Reimbursements	\$188.62	\$0.00	\$0.00
Contracts	\$23,025.00	\$23,500.00	\$23,500.00
Escrip	\$10.03	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other Shelter Income	\$753.48	\$1,000.00	\$500.00
Special Appeals	\$1,795.00	\$3,930.00	\$3,650.00
Surrenders	<u>\$813.04</u>	<u>\$200.00</u>	<u>\$350.00</u>
TOTAL	\$42,087.17	\$48,630.00	\$43,000.00
<u>OTHER INCOME</u>			
Grants	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Estate Bequests	\$30,466.63	\$0.00	\$0.00
Interest/Dividends	\$208.61	\$2,000.00	\$200.00
Miscellaneous	\$3,146.98	\$0.00	\$500.00
Restitutions	<u>\$568.14</u>	<u>\$50.00</u>	<u>\$50.00</u>
TOTAL	\$44,390.36	\$2,050.00	\$750.00
TOTAL REVENUE	\$209,937.27	\$155,180.00	\$161,775.00

WCHS EXPENSE SUMMARY

(As of 12/31/03)

	YTD	BUDGETED	2004 BUDGET
BUILDING AND GROUNDS			
BUILDING EXPENSES			
Building Maintenance	\$2,974.31	\$1,500.00	\$3,500.00
Equipment	\$430.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Insurance and Real Estate Taxes	<u>\$4,644.69</u>	<u>\$4,200.00</u>	<u>\$4,200.00</u>
	\$8,049.00	\$5,700.00	\$7,700.00
UTILITIES			
Cell Phone	\$873.83	\$200.00	\$200.00
Electric	\$3,270.44	\$3,000.00	\$3,200.00
Gas	\$2,554.64	\$1,300.00	\$2,200.00
Phone	\$2,228.32	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Trash Removal	\$918.12	\$1,000.00	\$950.00
Water/Sewer	<u>\$1,576.58</u>	<u>\$1,200.00</u>	<u>\$1,500.00</u>
	\$11,421.93	\$8,200.00	\$9,550.00
VEHICLE EXPENSES			
Gasoline	\$849.06	\$300.00	\$800.00
Maintenance & Repairs	\$329.32	\$200.00	\$600.00
Van Payment	<u>\$1,341.66</u>	<u>\$2,300.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
	\$2,520.04	\$2,800.00	\$1,400.00
COMMUNITY EVENT EXPENSE			
Educational Display Materials	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$75.00
Handouts/Give-aways	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Event Advertising	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$75.00</u>
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
FUNDRAISING EXPENSES			
Amerifund Sales	\$28,340.50	\$26,000.00	\$28,000.00
Band Night	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Bandana Sales	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
Cat Show	\$572.37	\$300.00	\$650.00
Garage Sales	\$1,444.00	\$1,100.00	\$1,500.00
Golf Outing	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Holiday Mail Fundraiser	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$700.00
Jewelry Raffle	\$240.42	\$0.00	\$125.00
Mutt Strut	\$301.29	\$400.00	\$1,400.00
NOCs	\$50.00	\$100.00	\$200.00
Santa Photos	\$16.02	\$0.00	\$0.00
Wine & Cheese Benefit	<u>\$1,535.11</u>	<u>\$500.00</u>	<u>\$2,000.00</u>
	\$32,499.71	\$28,800.00	\$35,375.00
MEMBERSHIP EXPENSES			
New Amerifund Memberships	\$1,511.71	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Postage & Mailings	\$2,027.19	\$3,200.00	\$2,800.00
Printing	<u>\$2,320.71</u>	<u>\$2,200.00</u>	<u>\$2,200.00</u>
	\$5,859.61	\$6,900.00	\$6,500.00
PUBLIC RELATIONS EXPENSES			
Public Relations Advertising	\$123.19	\$200.00	\$350.00
Shelter Advertising	<u>\$536.63</u>	<u>\$300.00</u>	<u>\$250.00</u>
	\$659.82	\$500.00	\$600.00
SHELTER EXPENSES			
ANIMAL CARE			
Animal Supplies	\$4,150.34	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Cat Food	\$4,422.25	\$1,800.00	\$1,500.00
Disposals	\$170.19	\$300.00	\$100.00
Dog Food	\$1,911.88	\$1,450.00	\$900.00
Medicine	\$6,034.50	\$4,000.00	\$4,850.00
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$1,200.00	\$0.00
Other Food	\$786.67	\$250.00	\$250.00
Testing Supplies	\$2,220.65	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
Veterinary Expenses	<u>\$7,892.33</u>	<u>\$7,500.00</u>	<u>\$7,500.00</u>
	\$27,588.81	\$16,500.00	\$18,100.00
OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES			
Adoption Refunds	\$175.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Cleaning Supplies	\$989.23	\$600.00	\$400.00
Office Supplies	\$2,051.14	\$900.00	\$500.00
Miscellaneous Operating Expense	<u>\$76.12</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
	\$3,291.49	\$1,600.00	\$1,000.00
PERSONNEL			
Payroll Expenses	\$84,225.28	\$78,500.00	\$77,250.00
Personnel - Other	\$204.97	\$500.00	\$1,000.00
Workers Comp	<u>\$1,393.16</u>	<u>\$1,000.00</u>	<u>\$1,500.00</u>
	\$85,823.41	\$80,000.00	\$79,750.00
OTHER EXPENSES			
Bank Charges	\$676.65	\$600.00	\$550.00
Credit Card Fees	\$278.48	\$0.00	\$400.00
Grant Expenditures	\$9,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Legal Fees	\$18.68	\$500.00	\$0.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$1,800.81	\$500.00	\$600.00
Special Animal Care	<u>\$400.00</u>	<u>\$2,500.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
	\$12,174.62	\$4,100.00	\$1,550.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$189,888.44	\$155,100.00	\$161,775.00

SHELTER REPORT

	Intake	Adoptions
January	39	33
February	35	28
March	19	25
April	62	22
May	15	22
June	27	17
July	35	17
August	23	29
September	12	33
October	16	34
November	8	12
December	15	27
Total	274	299

Total number of animals that died: 15
 Total number of animals euthanized: 28.
 Average shelter population: 117

We are a No-Kill shelter and try very hard to give each and every animal a wonderful life. Euthanasia is always the last option for WCHS. In most of the cases where the animals died, they were very sick when they came to us and despite our best efforts we could not save them. Most of the cats euthanized were because of FIV and Leukemia, and other fatal diseases. Two dogs were euthanized for untreatable aggression. One dog and one puppy died of Parvo virus. One dog was euthanized because of painful and untreatable arthritis in her spine.

The overall numbers for 2003 do not accurately reflect just how busy the shelter was this past year. We started off the year with a very full shelter and a lot of animals that had been with us for some time. We found good homes for Meiko, Braiden, Albert, Shadow, Guinness, George, and Murielle—all dogs with special needs in one way or another. George and Murielle were adopted to nursing homes—a win-win situation!

April was our highest intake month, due in part to a cruelty case in which we took in 31 dogs. June, July and August are our busiest months because of "kitten season." Our shelter population spiked at 137 animals in June. During this time we took in many injured animals, especially cats. In

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HOURS:

FRI. - SUN. NOON - 4 P.M., WED & THURS. NOON - 7 P.M.

July alone we took in a crippled kitten, 4 kittens that had ingested poison, 1 kitten with trauma to head and eye (later found to be cruelty done to cat by juvenile), 1 cat with an extremely severe ear infection, and a cat with a broken jaw.

Fall brought no relief. Many times we had to turn away even injured animals because of lack of space and funds to treat them. This was devastating to the staff as well as the public and most of all to the poor animals that we were unable to help.

Recently adoptions have increased in part due to Petfinder.com. This internet site lists all shelter animals up for adoption and has brought people from several states away who have viewed animals online and are interested in adopting them.

We would like to thank all the volunteers and foster homes that help us so much each day. We would also like to thank all the area veterinarians and their staff for all that they do to help the animals. Again, we couldn't do it without you!

Renee Valtin, Shelter Manager

EDUCATION & COMMUNITY EVENTS

Members: Kathy Hershberger & Dolores Black

Activities in 2003 included information booths and speaking engagements at Haskins Community Enrichment Day, BG Community Day, the Otsego 4-H Club, Kamik Inn Adoptathon, Wood County Days, Weston Community Day and a band of merry marchers in the BG Holiday Parade.

A very special event was the Shelter Open House on Sept 26—a big success. The event was open to the public with special invitations being sent out to members, public officials and local businesses and organizations. Activities included tours, opportunities to meet the staff and Board, information tables, the unveiling of the new shelter sign in honor of Minniebelle Conley, and light refreshments. We had a nice turnout from the public (~100 people) including several notable public figures. Joan Gordon and David Miller of the Sentinel-Tribune shared their memories of Minniebelle Conley. Thanks to the extra efforts of the shelter staff, the Board, and many volunteers, we presented a very nice image of our shelter and the work we do to help animals in our community.

Communication services provided by



CRUELTY REPORT

January	27 new cases
February	40 new cases
March	22 new cases
April	24 new cases
May	21 new cases
June	32 new cases
July	35 new cases, 15 rechecks
August	17 new cases, 8 rechecks
September	13 new cases, 7 rechecks
October	18 new cases, 6 rechecks
November	22 new cases, 5 rechecks
December	28 new cases, 6 rechecks

Total new cases 299
 Average rechecks/month 8
 Estimated total cases including rechecks: 394



WCHS HUMANE AGENT JODY SMITH

Highlighted cases:

During January and February of 2003 the shelter was overrun with calls to report animals without shelter in the extremely frigid temperatures. Our cruelty officer as well as shelter staff were often out as late as 9:00pm trying to educate people on proper shelter and care of animals in extreme temperatures.

A cruelty case was investigated in which 1 dog, 4 snakes and 3 cats were confiscated. One other dog was found dead, frozen stiff—still changed to its doghouse. A necropsy confirmed the fact that it had starved to death. The other dog confiscated weighed only 37pounds when she should have weighed 60 pounds. Cruelty Charges were filed and the suspect eventually plead to the crime (the other dog now weighs 62 ponds and has a great home).

A cruelty case involving 13 dogs living chained to a trailer was reported. They were living in their feces without proper shelter. The case went to trial and unfortunately was not decided in our favor.

Another cruelty case involved the intentional drowning of an infant puppy. There was not enough evidence to secure charges.

A complaint led to a number of animals found dead in a shed. The probable cause of death was starvation but there was not enough evidence to charge the individual.

Charges were filed in the shooting of a dog in Perrysburg Township.

A juvenile plead guilty to killing a cat by deliberately throwing it into a ceiling fan. This particular juvenile was also believed to be involved in the injury of another cat which caused that cat to loose sight in one eye.

Several dogs were discovered chained to doghouses living completely saturated in water.

A sexual abuse case involving dogs and horses was reported.

A local pet store was investigated for not caring for animals properly.

WCHS also aids sick and injured animals. Three cats were taken in by WCHS that had broken jaws (2 of which required multiple surgeries to correct). Several dogs came to the Humane Society as injured animals: Cocoa—hit by a semi-truck causing seizures, Marley—with a mutilated front leg, Tessy—a dog with spinal injuries and Doyle—a puppy with joint fractures which required 2-3 permanent pins to stabilize, and two deaf dalmations.

WCHS would like to thank the Wood County Sheriff's department, Bowling Green City Police as well as West Millgrove and Rising Sun Police departments for all of their assistance in the past year. Special thanks also to the Alaskan Rescue Coalition and M.U.S.H. members for their humane efforts on behalf of huskies.

We would also like to say a huge thank you to all the veterinarians and their staff for all they have done and continue to do for us. We could not do it with out your assistance.

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