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About Us, Adoption, and Fostering

About Us

Animal Friends of Connecticut, Inc. is a nonprofit, no-kill shelter dedicated to the protection of animals.

It is an all-volunteer organization that rescues stray, abandoned, abused and handicapped dogs and cats

All animals are given needed medical care, vaccinations and spayed or neutered, then cared for at our shelter until an appropriate placement can be found.

Interested in adopting?

- Check our website and discover the pets that are up for adoption.
- Please call **860-489-4901** for more information.

Volunteer

AFOC is run entirely by dedicated volunteers. There are plenty of opportunities to help! AFOC volunteers are people like you, who love animals. If you can donate your time, your help will be gladly appreciated! For more information call us at **860-489-4901**.

Monetary Donations Needed:

Many people might think that food is our greatest expense. It isn't; medical bills are.

One week in January:

- **Sunday:** Caesar is in the final stage of kidney failure

and requires sub-Q fluid treatment three times a week to prolong his life.

- **Tuesday:** Rita, one of our oldest residents, had 'gunk' in her eyes and ears. Off to the vet where it was discovered she had infections in both. She required meds and a hospital stay.
- **Wednesday:** Dora needed a wellness check since she is turning 18 in March.
- **Thursday:** Daisy and Tiger Lily (2 of our Waterbury rescues) were dropped off at the vet to be spayed.
- **Sunday:** Big Boy was trying to use the litter box multiple times -unsuccessfully. We called the vet who said it could be a urinary tract blockage which is very serious. We immediately brought him in. Fortunately it was only a UTI and not a blockage. He's on meds, too!

Senior Fosters Needed

Each year, AFOC needs foster families to take care of adult cats recovering from medical treatments or rescued kittens. If you are a senior and want to have a pet but don't want to make a 20 year commitment or you're on a fixed income and not sure if you can afford to have a pet, please consider becoming a Senior Foster. You'd have a cat or kittens in your home for up to 8 weeks at which time; they'd be

ready for adoption or returned to the shelter. You then could decide if you wanted to foster new animal(s) or perhaps wait a while before fostering again. AFOC will pay for all litter and food as well as any needed medical care for the animals in your charge. As people's lives change we always need new fosters. And if 2019 is anything like 2018, we'll need many new fosters. We rescued and placed over 125 kittens between the summer and the end of the year. So if you'd like to become a Senior Foster please call George at **860-693-0303**. Or if you aren't a senior and just want to foster, please call the number.

Shelter Clean-up

When: May 25th

Time: 10 am

Details: Join us for just a few hours, as it doesn't take long for a great team of animal lovers to give our felines a clean home they can be proud of while they patiently wait for homes of their own. We'll all be so glad you did!

For additional info. Or to sign up please email George: llylaclama@aol.com

Ariel, the Mermaid Kitten

Animal Friends of Connecticut receives phone calls daily this time of year from people that have found kittens in their yard or under their deck. The phone call this time however, came from an Animal Control Officer that said she had removed 12 four week old kittens and 2 mothers from a hoarding situation and wanted to know if Animal Friends would take them.



We said of course and after they were given a clean bill of health were placed in 2 foster homes. 6 kittens and a mother in one and 6 kittens and a mother in the other. No one mentioned to me that one of the kittens had no use of her rear legs until 3 weeks later as everyone said it was not going to be a problem. I went to the foster's house to meet Ariel and found a very pretty tortoise shell kitten who did not know that she was handicapped. She ran, played, climbed, wrestled with her siblings and used a litter box with no problem. I assumed at this point, finding her a home was going to be easy as special needs cats are normally adopted very quickly and she was so lovable and cute

But when she turned 8 weeks of age, that all changed. Overnight she became incontinent and was unable to control her bladder at all. And her constant urine bath resulted in a very bad case of

urine scalding on her rear end. When she walks she drags her rear legs so the wound had become very irritated and raw.



We took her to several vets who said they thought the incontinence might be a neurological problem. So the next step was to take Ariel to an animal neurologist. She was her normal loving self in the waiting room and everyone wanted their turn to hold her. A bit of blood was then noticed in her urine, we hoped the new problem was nothing except a UTI. We were most disappointed when the test results came back negative and the neurologist said there was nothing she could do for her.

Finding Ariel a home was now going to be most difficult. The next vet that saw her thought that she was not incontinent but that she was unable to tell when her bladder was full and she needed to use the litter box. Ariel was moved to another foster who was available to express her bladder several times a day to prevent the urine flow. This worked pretty well but we knew this placement was only temporary and we needed to find her a permanent home.

Animal Friends of CT was 100% committed to do everything it could for Ariel. As the next day was a beautiful fall day I decided to drive to Shelburne Falls, MA to visit the shop of a highly recommended pet wheel chair manufacturer. I learned a lot of positive information that day but also learned that a wheel chair for a 10 week old kitten that weighed only 2.5 pounds

was not feasible.

What to do with her? We posted many photos on social media and everyone loved her and said she was beautiful but no one was interested in adopting her, until my niece said she wanted to adopt Ariel. But she lives 900 miles away. After checking all the airlines that flew to neighboring airports, nothing made sense. The cost was prohibitive and the schedules with layovers were terrible. Plus she was too young to get the required vaccinations to fly. The only remaining option was to drive her to her new home. Thankfully another Animal Friends volunteer said he wanted to make the trip with me so it was possible to make the drive there in one long day.

So Sunday morning I rented a car, put Ariel in the back seat and off we went. 13 hours later and with no problems we arrived in Crossville, Tennessee. From the moment we arrived, Ariel was very spoiled and was being held all the time.

One day to recuperate from the drive down and we were back behind the wheel for a 15 hour trip back to Connecticut.

Ariel now has a bright pink playpen to live in with many toys to play with and her new bed to sleep in when she is not being held. It is placed right in front of double windows so she can watch the birds all day and the mice that come in the evening to get the bird feed that gets spilled on the deck. She also takes walks around the neighborhood in a special enclosed stroller. Could life get any better for Ariel. She has found her forever home.



Follow the adventures of Ariel, on Facebook!

Click "Like" on her Facebook page:

"Ariel the Mermaid Cat"

Or go to <https://www.facebook.com/TheMermaidCat/>

- **Gail Lutton** - In memory of my precious Mandy
- **Ingrid Persson** - In honor of Kayla
- **Elaine Eno & Diane Terry** - In honor of Ann E.S. Sato on her birthday.
- **Frank Robert & Virnelli Jr Esq.** - In honor of Frankie
- **Ann & Michael Buchas** - In Honor of Sapphire our dearest cat
- **Catherine Conlin** - In honor Toni Sefter's birthday
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- **Mary Sena** - In memory of Josephine Murray
- **Kim & John Alvers** - In memory of Josephine Murray
- **Lorraine Brodeur** - In memory of my sweet Kitty Lily
- **Michael & Shelly Levy** - In memory of our beloved Ozzie
- **Donna Neary** - In memory of our little Angel
- **Stephanie & Cameron Taylor** - In memory of Pewter
- **Heather & Adam Francis** - In memory of Torch

SLASH (aka Tom's cat)

Marji Murtha Butler

John Legend and his wife **Chrissy Teigen** are known dog-lovers on their social media. Their three bulldogs- Pippa, Penny, and the newest edition, Pablo- share the camera with the couple's daughter. It is easy to see that these dogs are well-loved and taken care of!

Slash was my husband's cat. First he was his son's cat. Any experienced parent will tell you, most kid's pets end up in the parent's lap when the kid moves on. Tom liked cats and as a new widower he needed a friend.

Tom never called him Slash. He called him Kitty Cat.

Kitty Cat was a wild boy, staying out all night, roaming the streets. He would often bring home his victim, a mouse on the doorstep. Just like an Amazon delivery man deposits his package. He then came into the house by digging his claws into the shingles and climbed up two flights entering through an open window in Tom's office. That window was always open, just enough.

Slash didn't ask for much. Just a bowl of kitty chow. He drank out of the toilet. Sometimes he was gone for days. Tom would look around and shrug. That's when Tom referred to him as Slash.

He always came home. To three different houses in his eighteen years. I was the new girlfriend in Tom's life. I didn't know Slash's medical history and suspected there was none. I asked a vet to put Slash's name in his charts for an emergency.

Tom liked the fact Slash was untamed.

He began setting himself up in a big leather chair, covering himself with a thick towel. Then he'd lift up Kitty Cat and let him sit on his chest. He was careful to avoid those claws. When he did get nicked, one could hear him yelp from the other side of the house. I respected Kitty Cat's independence. I never picked him up and never let my grandchildren play with him. He wasn't your normal house cat. He was our wild boy.

We moved to the edge of the Chester forest. Slash continued his bad habits until the year he went missing. Tom was sure the coyotes had got him. He was right and wrong. Two fang marks on the back of his neck were a dead giveaway. Somehow he had gotten loose and dragged himself home. I thought our barking dogs saved his life. Tom liked to tell the story of how Slash was a cat capable of fending off a pack of coyotes.

Whatever. Slash never left the house again and continued to live on spending the rest of his life in Tom's office. When he had a client in the office, he put Slash outside on the ramp. That smart cat was one smart dude. He was never the same. He didn't act like a tough guy. Then he got sick...diabetes, requiring 10 cc of insulin every night for three years.

We all learned how to give him the shot, including me. When the pet sitter came, she would turn and make an announcement at 7 p.m. "It's time

to shoot the cat." When it was my turn I wore a pair of old leather gloves. That Slash may have been sick, but he never missed an opportunity to let you know who was in charge;

Ole' Slash went blind. Tom never gave up until one Saturday, he entered the kitchen and proclaimed, "Slash is dead. I turned to see his contorted face and watched tears roll down his cheeks.

"I'll call the vet, then get a box and blanket. Wait for him. I'd like to say Goodbye." As Tom knelt over to place his friend in the box Slash moved his head and raised that lethal paw."Oh my God," I said. He's alive and I ran back to phone the vet. They told me to bring him in anyway for a look. They were kind. I could tell by the matted fur and limp body he needed more than a look.

"You are tough Kitty Cat," You showed me. You used up all of your nine lives and then some. Tom loved you. I respected you and will miss you when I use the copy machine in Tom's office. Farewell Slash, Kitty Cat and Tom's Cat."

Having a hedgehog as a pet

By Ann Salamon

Anaheim's biggest reptile trade show didn't expect to have many celebrity guests, but **Leonardo DiCaprio** surprised vendors and attendees by arriving. He ended up purchasing a Sulcata tortoise. These hefty reptiles can live for up to 70 years, and weigh up to 150 pounds.

If you are looking for a different pet, a hedgehog may be just what you are looking for. We got our first hedgehog in 2003. Heidi quickly became a beloved member of our family for her quirky and stubborn personality and for her intelligence. She ran on her wheel for hours each night. She would rearrange her cage when we put things back in the "wrong" place. She loved snuggling with us and with our cat (he hated it). She would run back to her cage when she had had enough of us. Hedgehogs have been a part of my life ever since.



Just like dogs and cats, each hedgehog has its own unique personality. They are much more like cats than like dogs. Most are very independent and want life on their terms not yours. They may notice you when you walk into the room, but most will not come when you call. Some of them have shown a preference for a particular person, while others will not. Some are great escape artists and others would never think of leaving the security of their cage. Spending some time getting to know your hedgehogs

and their likes and dislikes will go a long way towards building a great relationship.

All hedgehogs are covered in quills. Hedgehogs also have a muscle that runs down their back. They can roll up completely into a ball when they feel threatened or are startled. They have a lot of control over their quills and can move them up and down or crisscross them so you cannot feel them at all or you can feel like you are holding an upside down pincushion or anything in between. They are not related to porcupines and cannot "throw" their quills. Different people have differing sensitivities to the feeling of the quills on their hands. We do not recommend ever using gloves to handle them as it is beneficial for them to be able to smell you and know who is holding them. If you are sensitive you can use a piece of cloth (old t shirt, etc.) between your skin and the hedgehog until you get used to the feeling or they get more comfortable around you and relax their quills more. This will often take a few weeks as you get to know each other.

Most hedgehogs love their enclosures and spend most of their time there. Their enclosure will need to include an exercise wheel because they love to run. It will also need an igloo or other hiding spot. Some will play with cat toys and others will ignore them, but you can try them out and see if your hedgehog likes them. . They are

nocturnal and will sleep all day and run on their wheel all night. Hedgehogs need to be warm and will get ill if they are too cold. Supplemental heat like a heat lamp, heat pad or space heater is a must. Hedgehogs are considered to be exotics and not every vet will see them. An annual vet well visit is a good idea.

Hedgehogs can be hard to find. All pet stores and most breeders are required to be USDA licensed to sell hedgehogs. A lot of rescue hedgehogs have been passed from home to home and are often not socialized and will not roll out of a ball or will have health issues so they are not the best choice if you are unfamiliar with hedgehogs. We have been USDA licensed since 2006 and also rescue and rehome hedgehogs. A lot of what we do involves educating the public about hedgehogs and hedgehog care. If you want information, you can contact us via our website at www.connecticuthedgehogs.com



A New Vet Clinic

The hospital covers 12,000 sq. feet and its philosophy is that captive elephants are not meant to be used and abused but rather to be given the respect they deserve.

The hospital is on the banks of the Yamuna River and is close to an elephant conservation and care center run by Wildlife SOS that is home to 22 elephants.

A hospital for elephants was opened the beginning of December in Mathura, India.



It is the first of its kind and offers a full range of state of the art medical services for elephants. It is also has become an important tourist attraction.



The Compassionate and Responsible Way to Provide for Your Animals

By Attorney Thom Page*

People are concerned about what will happen to their birds, dogs, cats or horses when they are no longer able to care for them. In 2009, Connecticut joined a growing number of states enabling pet owners to establish trusts to care for their companion animals. In our changing world, courts are finally beginning to change their views regarding pets, and beginning to understand that, to many people, pets are important members of their families, requiring similar planning for their future as they would undertake for their children.

Putting your pet's future living arrangements in order for when you can no longer personally provide for them gives you reassurance they will be cared for. The love and security you provide your dog or cat becomes even more important at these times. Deciding what will happen to your home, financial assets, personal possessions and pets after your passing can be a difficult process. However, if you don't take time to make these decisions now, a court may end up dividing your property and making decisions concerning your animals for you.

The law now provides owners the ability to provide for their pets either during the owner's lifetime, should they become disabled or incapable, or at the owner's death. Inter-vivos trusts are established during the owner's lifetime, and testamentary trusts are established by your will at death. These are common estate planning techniques animal owners are utilizing more often, with as much creativity and flexibility as the owner desires. Pet trusts should be drafted to protect not only the animals an owner currently owns, but all animals he/she may own at their death, and the trust must terminate when the last such animal dies.

Planning for the future care of your companion animals can be as simple as a bequest of your family cat to a trusted friend in your will along with some funds for the cat's care, or as complex as putting your house into a trust and authorizing the trustee to hire a caretaker to live in the house and care for your animals during their lifetimes. Pet trusts created at the owner's death are typically established and funded through a Last Will and Testament, and administered by a designated Trustee of the owner's choice. Connecticut law also requires a separate Trust Protector be named, someone who provides a simple check and balance on the Trustee's decisions regarding your pets. Alternates for these positions should also be named in the trust.

The most important future decisions concerning your animals typically involve living arrangements and veterinary care.

The associated costs will also require larger monetary expenditures a trustee will make. Conditions can be placed in the trust to only allow larger withdrawals of money to be paid directly to veterinarians or other professionals that may require a larger outlay of cash for their services. You can also set out critical illness decisions for your pet, such as at what point you want the trust to stop spending money on medical procedures. A monthly stipend of cash is often given to the caregiver to ensure that the care and feeding of your pets is attended to on an ongoing basis.

Trusts are funded with an amount of money, often calculated by a formula based on the number, type and age of the pets you own when you die, and whether they have a long life expectancy like a bird or horse. Treats, toys, exercise providers, burial directives and more can all be addressed in a pet trust. Lawyers who draft pet trusts ensure these trusts are given the same due diligence expected from trusts set up for human family members. Animal law attorneys who handle these matters bring an acute awareness and understanding of the specific needs surrounding the long-term care of various animals.

More than 500,000 pets every year are put down following the death of their owners, who frequently assume friends or family will someday care for their animals. This is just simply not the case. Elderly owners often outlive relatives and friends, or for other reasons cannot find anyone at the time willing to care for their animals. One alternative is to give the trustee authority to find suitable adoptive homes, or to make arrangements in advance with a local rescue or sanctuary to take in your animals and to receive a bequest from your estate to pay for their care. Clients are urged to investigate these organizations and visit them to determine if they would be an appropriate place for their animals, and to name alternate placements should their first rescue or sanctuary choice be unavailable when the time comes.

Many issues exist in planning for the care of your animals when you are no longer capable of doing so, and you can become "no longer capable" at any time. If you see yourself continuing to have and enjoy animals in your life, taking these steps is surely in the best interests of these animals, who will always look to you to protect them.

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St Gertrude, the patron Saint of Cats

March 17 is St Patrick's Day and also St Gertrude, the unofficial Patron Saint of Cats' Day.

Gertrude of Nivelles was born in 626 in what is now Belgium. At the age of 10 she was ordered to marry the son of a duke. She refused and said she would never marry.

When her father died, Gertrude and her mother moved to Nivelles and started a monastery. She was well known for her charitable work and taking care of orphans, widows and pilgrims. She lived an ascetic life often going without food or sleep. This took its toll on her and she died at the age of 33. St Patrick is reported to have watched over her as she was dying.

Gertrude was also the patron saint of the recently dead. At that time, the souls of people in Purgatory were portrayed as mice, and the statues and paintings of Gertrude had mice climbing up her robes. Statues of silver or gold mice were left at her shrine in Cologne as late as 1822.

In the past 40 years faithful Catholics and cat lovers have associated her with cats because of the mice connection. The Metropolitan Museum of Art had an exhibit in 1981 which finalized Gertrude as the Patron Saint of Cats.



Ragdoll



It was a very cold rainy November night when Canton Emergency Hospital called me to say one of their vendors had just brought them a super friendly Tortoise shell cat. She was sitting in the middle of their street crying, obviously very lost. Canton Emergency wanted to know if we would take her. I said yes and told them I would be down first thing the next morning.

8 AM and I was sitting in their waiting room ready to see the cat. As tortoise shell cats are very easy to place, especially very friendly ones, I thought this was going to be a very quick adoption. They brought her out to me and said she was about 10 years old and she was totally blind. A fast adoption was no longer possible.

She was lying in the arms of the vet tech, very relaxed and she loved to be held. So she was named Ragdoll. There were a few minor health issues so I decided to leave her at the vets for a few days to be sure she was going to be alright.

In the meantime, I was going to try to find her owner. She had to have belonged to someone as she would not have survived outside alone very long. Especially this cold rainy night.

I put her photo on Facebook and immediately received my first call. It was from a family in the same area she was found saying their

cat had disappeared 6 months earlier and they hoped this was she. An hour later, they came to see the cat and immediately knew she was not theirs.

The second call came shortly thereafter. It was from a woman in Torrington who insisted that the cat was hers. This did not make a lot of sense as the cat was rescued, 25 miles from Torrington. Also her cat was only 5 years old. When I told her the cat was 10 years old, she said she could be mistaken on the cat's age. Her cat had jumped into her car when she was moving from Ohio to Connecticut so she did not know much about her or her history. And she did not have an answer when I told her the cat was blind. She wanted me to look at her Facebook page to see her cat's photo. There were similarities but it was definitely not her cat

Several days later, the woman called me back to say she wanted to adopt the cat. I was concerned when I received the first call as the woman's story made very little sense and even less when the woman told me that she was bedridden. Her boyfriend worked 12 hours a day and she had borrowed her boyfriend's mother's phone to call me. This did not sound like the perfect home for a blind, elderly cat.

Ragdoll was now getting stronger and I needed to place her in a foster home soon. The foster that I wanted to use had another cat that needed to be adopted before there was room for Ragdoll. The timing worked out perfectly as FETA was adopted the next day and Ragdoll had a foster home to move to.

Initially she had the run of the first floor of the house. But she had difficulty finding her litter box, so the foster thought it made more sense to confine her to a single room. That worked out well and the litter box problem was solved. There were no more accidents. But that was several weeks ago.

Things changed this week. Ragdoll was having difficulty standing and was not using the litter box. And she

was having seizures. We immediately took her to one of our vets who found nothing obviously wrong except very high blood pressure. All other tests came back negative. Now she was in critical condition.

We then took her to a Specialty Veterinary Hospital that kept her overnight and she did rebound some the next day when her blood pressure was lowered. But the call the following day was more than we hoped for. She had rebounded a lot, was walking around and eating. The plan was to pick her up the following day and bring her to her new home, where she would spend the rest of her life.

We arrived at the hospital mid-morning and Ragdoll was waiting for us. Although not steady on her feet, she walked around the room with no problem. After the various tubes and the Elizabethan collar were removed, we drove her home. She is going to be fine. The vet said the blindness and seizures were most likely caused by the high blood pressure. And she might even regain some of her sight after being on medication. But no matter what, she is in a home where she will get the care and attention she needs and she will be held much of each day.

We will never know where she came from or what her history is, but she is an amazing animal and we are very glad we found her when we did. It makes what we do, to rescue animals in distress, very rewarding.



Josh Malouin - Roaring Brook Veterinary Hospital

Steven Tyler, lead singer of the band Aerosmith, had a pet raccoon growing up. He named the raccoon Bandit. He recounts that he would often carry the animal around on his shoulders, and would take it fishing every day. While owning a pet raccoon is not illegal, it is definitely not recommended.

Dermatophytosis, or more commonly known as ringworm, is an infection of the hair, nails, or superficial layer of the skin caused by one or more fungal species. Ringworm infections can be found in humans as well as all other domestic animals and is caused by a fungal infection rather than an actual worm.

Although many species of ringworm are species specific, meaning they infect only one type of animal, some ringworm species can infect multiple animals and even spread between animals and humans. The most common species that causes infection in cats, *Microsporum canis*, is responsible for clinical ringworm signs in dogs and humans as well. This was the case for Aslan, a 10 week old male kitten that was presented to Roaring Brook Veterinary Hospital after being found roaming in Hartford.

Aslan presented to the hospital with multiple crusting lesions on his feet and ears that were consistent with infection. Ringworm can present itself in numerous ways on animals and can sometimes be difficult to identify. Aslan's lesions were consistent with the typical presentation of round thickened patches of hair loss and scaling on the head, chest, legs, and along the top of the back. These lesions are usually not itchy, but some cats may show signs of itchiness. The lesions are different than that of humans, which are usually round red lesions. Some cats and other animals may not show any signs of infection at all, making it difficult to identify.

Ringworm is transmitted through direct contact with the fungal spores. These spores may be found in the environment or on other animals or people. The spores can survive on objects or in the environment for up to 18 months, but can be easily killed with bleach. Clinical signs of ringworm can take 1 to 3 weeks to show up on an animal. Since these spores are so widespread, it's likely Aslan's exposure to ringworm came from the environment in which he was living, the outdoors. His infection was diagnosed at presentation to the veterinary hospital. Diagnosis of ringworm is based upon identification of clinical signs and testing for the fungus itself. Some cases of ringworm

may be identified by fluorescence under a special UV light. Most cases are confirmed with a positive fungal culture or PCR as in Aslan's case.

Once identified, animals and humans may be cured of ringworm through a combination of topical and oral medications. Due to the hardiness of the fungal spores, the most difficult part of treating ringworm is maintaining a clean environment to prevent re-infection or infection of other animals/people. Treatment of Aslan included a combination of twice weekly antifungal baths and a 1 month course of oral antifungal medication which continued for a minimum of 6 weeks, or until his fungal tests were negative. Environmental cleaning and disinfection is important in preventing the transmission to other animals and humans. For this reason, we kept Aslan with us at the hospital to avoid the spread of infection. The majority of cats will clear infection in as little as 3 weeks with the proper treatment, although treatment is usually continued for at least 6 weeks to ensure complete resolution.

With the proper care and treatment under the supervision of a veterinarian, most cases of ringworm can be resolved with no long lasting effects to our pets or their caretakers. Aslan's recovery was uneventful during his stay at Roaring Brook. His infection has since resolved, and with the detailed attention he received from his nursing staff, the spread of ringworm was prevented to other animals and humans. As with most cases of shelter animals, Aslan will be adopted into his forever home after developing a special bond with one of his caretakers in the hospital.

Remember Donations Save Lives

Animal Friends counts on donations to survive. Please remember us so we can continue to provide for the many animals in our care. Please donate!

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to sponsor every cat.

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