



SAM SEZ . . .

Dear Friends,

Thank you for supporting us. Your financial support has enabled **Cats' Cradle** to rescue and shelter cats and kittens over the years, spay/neuter and vaccinate them, provide nutritious food and medical treatment, and move us forward in our mission.

Inside you will read about cats with special needs, feral cats, rescue stories, cats who have found their forever homes, and cats awaiting adoption. You will also meet some of our volunteers and find out how you can help us meet our goals and achieve our mission now and in the future.

Beautiful 2008 **Cats' Cradle** Calendars are available for \$15 each at Burke County Chamber of Commerce and Healthy Petz in Morganton; Animal Hospital of East Burke in Valdese; and Carolina Ribbon Crafts in Glen Alpine. Professional photographs of **Cats' Cradle** cats are courtesy of John S. Payne Photography.

For the love of cats, this Christmas let your family and friends know that you don't need more clothes or jewelry or food. Instead, ask them to make a donation to **Cats' Cradle** in your name. And consider honoring your family and friends with a donation to **Cats' Cradle** this holiday season. We'll be glad to send cards acknowledging all gifts.

Send all such donations to **Cats' Cradle**, attention Lynda Garibaldi, at 112 Clark Street, Morganton, NC 28655. Thank you and Happy Holidays!!!

 Sam



A Very Happy Ending!

**Clawdius and Iago find their Forever Home with the McGuire Family!
Read the complete article on page 3!**

Lucy the dog beside Clawdius and Iago being hugged in their new home by Curtis McGuire.



Emphasis on Special Needs! There is a flyer insert in this issue of the **Cats' Cradle** newsletter that deals with Special Needs cats and how you can help. Be sure to look for it!

Aunt Hemi and Friends

It's a sad fact that most animal control agencies have so little space to house cats that 90-93% of all cats that go into county shelters are killed. Many of these cats are friendly, adoptable cats, but many more are killed because they are not suitable for adoption.

Some animal control agencies are seeing a reduction in the death rate of cats by embracing TNR, or Trap/Neuter/Return, for feral and semi-feral cats; that is, for those not suitable to be placed in homes. TNR means that the cats are trapped, neutered, and vaccinated for rabies, then released back to their habitat. In some communities, county officials and health departments are so thrilled with TNR that they have implemented agreements between county officials, health departments, and animal control officers to turn over the responsibility for feral cats to feral cat advocates.

While feral and homeless cats cause concern among the public, most callers do not want the cats killed. Instead, they want humane, non-lethal solutions for these cats. TNR has proven to be effective for reducing complaints, improving public health and safety, lowering costs, and saving lives.

But this article is not just about finding humane solutions for feral cats. It's about one particular feral cat named **Aunt Hemi** and her cat family. As is typical in a feral cat colony, cats form attachments and establish relationships with one another. Named "Aunt Hemi" because she was a Himalayan, she served as the matriarch of her family for years.

We got to know Aunt Hemi and her little family this spring when the caretaker for this colony of cats made us aware that two might be pregnant. We moved them to an enclosed area where they delivered within a week of each other, one Easter Sunday and one a week later. Both mothers nursed all eight kittens, so we were never sure whose kittens belonged to which mother.

Aunt Hemi had been "fixed" years ago, but she was moved with these cats because she was such a source of comfort to them. Hemi snuggled the kittens, groomed them, and kept them warm and secure, just like their mothers did. Though they had plenty of space, the adult cats and the kittens huddled together more often than not.

The exception to this huddling happened when a human came to replenish food and water and check on them, for then **Ramona** and **Rita**, as we named the mothers, scampered off to find a hiding place. Aunt Hemi didn't run away, but she didn't like being petted or picked up either. She simply wanted to be with the kittens. One of the kittens was so small and fragile that he was moved to a foster home so he could be bottle-fed and given lots of TLC by foster care mom, Diana Rath, who named him **Scamperdoo**.



Baby Scamperdoo

A couple of weeks ago Aunt Hemi uncharacteristically didn't come out with the kittens for the anticipated canned food. Concerned about her not eating and not coming out as usual, we planned to take her for a veterinary check-up the next day. But Aunt Hemi died during the night.

We believe her last task on earth was to help to raise these kittens, all healthy and strong. Scamperdoo was the first to be adopted, and recently **Buffy** and **Pearl Dickens, George Jr., Bashful, Tigger, and Precious** are still waiting to go to their forever homes.

And the mother cats? Rita and Ramona did NOT want to be tamed. They have been released back to their feral cat colony and seem very happy to be there.



George Jr.



Dickens peers shyly over the photographer's knee

Gifts In Kind

- Adoption Site ----- PetSmart -- Hickory, NC
Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
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Karyn & Tony Lookabill, Diana & John Rath

A Very Happy Ending

Continued from front page

Clawdius and Iago Find Their Forever Home!

One of the greatest rewards of being in the animal rescue business is all the great animals we meet. The more cats I get to know, the more I love and appreciate each and every one. All leave foot-prints on our hearts, but some are unforgettable. Two of these are **Clawdius** and **Iago**.

Clawdius is one of the kittens from two litters of four kittens nursed by two skinny black mama cats living in kudzu vines behind an apartment building in Valdese where we found them. Four kittens were solid black and four were black and white tuxedos, all in fragile health like their mothers. Eventually all were adopted except for one mother cat who died—when she became ill, it was determined that she was quite old and had delivered too many litters of kittens before she came to us.

The other one not adopted was Clawdius, who has a bad eye and chronic nasal discharge and congestion. Now a 20-pound sweetheart who begs to be the center of attention, he never misses an opportunity to climb into a lap. In fact, he roots out any other cat who happens to be there first. Despite daily meds for chronic sinus, he continues to have a snotty nose.

Iago is a survivor too, a miracle cat who lived for an indeterminate number of years as a feral cat behind a Morganton business. Well fed and cared for by a devoted feral cat caretaker, he never went hungry, but he was still virtually “untouchable” when he lost an eye. Wanting to treat his eye, we moved him from his feral colony, but the eye could not be saved. Before too long, the other eye also became infected and he lost that eye too. Perhaps because of his loss of sight, or maybe just that he likes the comfort and companionship in a home environment, Iago cries for attention.

Losing his sight, though, is not the only strike against Iago. In the middle of the night a couple of years ago, terrifying cries pierced the quiet; it was Iago, clearly upset and walking around in circles. At the vet clinic the next day it was determined that Iago had had a stroke. “If he’s going to recover, it’ll be within a week,” the vet told us. Iago did recover. Though limited in his abilities, he became even dearer and sweeter to us.

A couple of months ago a young woman named Mandy McGuire emailed us that she had lost her 17-year-old lap cat and missed him terribly. She told us that she had three other cats but not one of them was a lap cat, which she wanted. She said also that she would consider a cat with special needs.

We emailed her back with descriptions of Clawdius and Iago. She wanted to meet them both, so we took them to her home on a Sunday afternoon, where Mandy and her son Curtis and husband Randy met these “lap cats.” It was love at first sight. The family fell in love with both cats.

“Iago won my heart that Sunday afternoon you brought him when he snuggled under my chin and talked to me,” Mandy later told us. “And the first time Clawdius climbed onto my husband’s chest and put his paw on his chin, he won his heart,” she said.

Special Needs Kitties

Recently we have intensified our campaign to place special needs kitties with the help of volunteers Stan and Sue Bumgarner who have amazing computer skills and very big hearts!

As well as fostering kitties for **Cats’ Cradle**, Sue and Stan have developed posters and flyers featuring **Cats’ Cradle** special needs kitties for distribution to vets offices, any local bulletin board who will allow the posting, and for display at PetSmart, our local adoption site.

At printing, **Miss Kitty**, **Hero**, **Kate** have all been adopted. We have high hopes that many more special needs kitties will be placed as a result of the wonderful work of **Cats’ Cradle** volunteers, Stan and Sue Bumgarner.



Miss Kitty is happy to have a Forever Home with Cindy Kidd!



Shown above is Dr. Clarence Dunning, the Banfield veterinarian who did surgery on Hero’s eye at no cost, with Hero in the arms of his adopter, Sherry Revis. Thanks to Dr. Dunning for his kindness and to Sherry for adopting a wonderful kitty!

Volunteer Highlight: Jeannie Bowman

Cats' Cradle volunteer, Jeannie Bowman, taking in a "bottle baby" at the spring 2007 AdoptaThon at PetSmart. She and her daughters, Meagan and Erica, have been taking care of cats for *Cats' Cradle* for many years! Heartfelt thanks to Jeannie and her girls!



Catawba Humane Offers Low-Cost Spay-Neuter!

The Humane Society of Catawba County will open its new facility in early December. In addition to being able to shelter more animals, the facility will include a low-cost spay and neuter clinic for the **general public** in Catawba and surrounding counties.

Modeling Humane Alliance -- the low-cost spay and neuter clinic of Asheville -- the cost is \$57 for male and female dogs and cats, and \$80 for dogs weighing more than 80 pounds. For more information or to schedule low-cost spay-neuter, call HSCC at **828-327-3878**.

Directions: From Hickory go east on Hwy. 70. Turn right onto Fairgrove Church Rd. Extension (past Dale Jarrett Enterprises). Take next right (20th Avenue SE). Go about a mile. New shelter entrance on left in Fairgrove Business Park.

Important Phone Numbers

For low-cost spay-neuter in the Hickory, NC area
call Humane Society of Catawba County at
828-327-3878

For low-cost spay-neuter in the Asheville, NC area
call Humane Alliance at
828-252-8804

After Hours Emergency Clinic,
Hickory, NC
828-328-2660

Financial Needs

THOUSANDS OF PETS ARE EUTHANIZED EVERY YEAR WHEN OWNERS GO INTO NURSING HOMES OR DIE. DO YOU HAVE A LIFETIME PLAN FOR THE CARE OF YOUR PETS?

* Plan for the care of your pets in your estate planning. Designate a caregiver who commits to caring for your pets and set aside funds for their care.

* **DO YOU LOVE CATS? SAVE THOUSANDS OF CATS WITH ONE PHONE CALL** — to your lawyer. Include a bequest in your will for the care of cats. It will keep your love — and thousands of cats — alive. Even after you are gone.

* Name *Cats' Cradle* as the beneficiary of a life insurance policy.

* Allocate funds from a specific investment for the care of cats.

* Create an Endowment. A true endowment is a fund or collection of funds to be invested to grow over time to generate income and capital appreciation, with a portion withdrawn to support the mission of *Cats' Cradle*.

PetSmart AdoptaThon

A great time had by all at PetSmart Fall AdoptaThon in October. thanks to ALL our volunteers who made this event a big success, including Anice Overton who helped out on Friday! Leila McMichael painted faces, which ALWAYS draws a big crowd!!



Pictured Saturday (above) is Leila McMichael painting faces for a donation. Her husband Andy watches Leila's handiwork. Diana Rath is shown in the background, showing our great kitties for adoption. At right, Leila and two of the children she painted on Sunday



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In Honor Of . . .

PEOPLE

My Mother, **Margaret Causby**, by: Kathryn Causby

Karen Clark-Caruso for her Birthday by: Jerry & Lois Clark

Linda Clark for her Birthday by: Karen Clark-Caruso

Andi Bradshaw and the **Staff of Golden Corral** in Hickory
 and of **Cats' Cradle** volunteers,

Imma Williams and **Susan Zarcone**,
 for helping with the care and rescue of "Goldie"
 by Judge Linda Stephens

ANIMALS

Our Cat "**Juice**" by: Scott & Barbara Fors

Our foster cat "**Rowdy**" by: Anice & James "Kit" Overton

Mama Cat and her **7 kittens** by: Margaret Mauldin

In Memory Of . . .

PEOPLE

Millicent Collins by:

Verlin Brendle, Irene Cannon, Aileen Teague, Linda Collins

William "Chic" Brendle by:

Linda Collins, Lynda Garibaldi, Ruby C. Prewitt

Morgan Jones, father of Roger Jones by:

Linda Collins

Pearl Collins, mother of Judy C. Max and Ruby C. Prewitt by:

Linda Collins

Lola Collins by: Linda Collins

Jesse Williamson's brother **Dale** by: Linda Collins

ANIMALS

Our beloved cat **Boots** and in Honor of the **doctors and staff of The Animal Hospital of East Burke** in Valdese who cared for Boots by:
 Teresa and Randy Causby

Our beloved cat **Blackie** by: Randy & Mandy McGuire

My beloved cat **Franny** by: Trina Barrier

My beloved cats, **Tiffany** and **Star**, by: Brenda Kincaid

Our beloved dog, **Maxine**, by: Sarah & George Johnson

Cooper by: Karyn Lookabill

Over The Rainbow Bridge . . .

A TALE OF TWO KITTIES

Karyn Lookabill called me one day to see if I could take in a kitty for foster care. The caller said that the kitty was hanging around his house and chasing his poodle.

While I had some problems believing this “chasing the poodle” story, I agreed to take him in. What Karyn brought me was, without a doubt, the dirtiest, greasiest, and scrawniest kitten I’ve ever seen. Karyn told me later she didn’t think he would make it many more days.

While I got busy cleaning him up, he got busy eating as much as he could. As soon as he discovered the food and water bowls, he made it his mission to keep the other cats away from them. He would growl, swat. Obviously he had had to fight for every morsel of food. He was such a little fighter, I named him **Rocky Balboa**. Suddenly that “chasing the poodle” story made a lot more sense. I solved the problem by putting down three widely separated bowls of food and water; he couldn’t guard all of them. Being the smart cat that he was, it didn’t take him long to realize that there was *always* food and water, so he calmed down.



Rocky (right) grew to be a beautiful kitten and eventually went to Pet-Smart for adoption. He was adopted by a wonderful “forever family.” It was a mutual love from the start. Rocky B became quite a traveler, going to the Kitty Spa, and to Grandma’s house, he wanted to be a part of every thing. Rocky B was well and truly loved and led a wonderful life.

Then one day Rocky B wouldn’t eat and acted lethargic. Of course he was immediately taken to his vet who put him on an antibiotic. Several days went by and Rocky B didn’t get better so he was taken back to the Vet. Additional tests and X-rays showed that Rocky B was suffering from complete kidney failure. He was suffering, and his forever family did the most loving thing they could do and had Rocky euthanized. It was devastating to his family and to the **Cats’ Cradle** family.

It happened that several months earlier I had gotten a kitten that was too small to compete for food. When I got him he was like a little flat piece of fur, barely moving, barely alive. Lots of love and care, and round the clock bottle feeding brought him back to health. Although very tiny, once he gained strength, his curiosity would get the better of him, and he would climb out of his box and peek under the door to see what was happening. He was a scamp, hence he was named **Scamperdoo**.

Scamperdoo became a beautiful kitten and all that extra care made him extremely affectionate. His absolute favorite activity was being kissed. When picked up, Scamperdoo became absolutely boneless. He would melt into your arms and was content to stay there all day long.



Mike and Scamperdoo

Now as it always happens, Scamperdoo was ready for adoption. He was very special to me, and of course he needed a special home. I kept thinking of Rocky B’s family and how they missed him. I know that one can’t replace another, but that void in your life can certainly be filled with another Kitty. So I took a chance and called them. I explained that Scamperdoo needed a special home and persuaded them to “just come and look at him”.

Of course Scamperdoo did his “famous melt into your arms trick” and they were won over. Scamperdoo went home that day with his own “forever” family. He is doing great, everyone loves him. Of course he isn’t Rocky B, but he is his own personality, and greatly loved. At one time or another many of us have lost beloved pets. Some were young and some because of old age. Either way it is terribly painful. But opening your heart to another pet can be a wonderful thing and bring lots of love back into your life. **ADOPT!!!**

Diana Rath

A CAT NAMED COOPER

This past spring, **Cats’ Cradle** agreed to find a home for a sassy young black and white male kitty named **Cooper**. He had been an “office cat” until the office moved and no longer had a place for Cooper.

Right away, **Cats’ Cradle** foster mom, Karyn Lookabill, loved this vivacious kitty and recognized that Cooper was a special little guy, even though he did NOT get along with the resident kitties in the Lookabill household! For several months, Karyn searched diligently for the right forever home for Mr. Cooper, but none measured up.

In conversation with her brother, John, Karyn learned that he was wistful of the years growing up that included a kitty in the household. John had two outside dogs and 4 acres of land, with no kitty of his own! As Cooper had been outside all his short life, Karyn thought this may be the perfect forever home for him. After the correct acclimation period, which included acquainting Cooper with the resident mutts, Cooper would once again be the footloose and fancy free kitty of his early days!

John loved Cooper at first meeting and Cooper was right at home immediately! Karyn received calls every day from John, in which he related progress made with the dog introduction, and other tales of his “perfect” kitty companion. John and Cooper were the very best of buddies, two single guys sharing space and keeping each other company.

Cooper seemed very satisfied in his new home with the exception of one thing, he sat at the glass front door and gazed out longingly. John really wanted Cooper to be happy in his new home and out of love, after only one week, John opened the front door to let Cooper have his heart’s desire.

This story does not have a happy ending. As dogs were not a part of Cooper’s world until this point in time, he had no fear of them. Inside they were all very chummy. But when Cooper went into their lot in the back yard to socialize, Tick and Reagan thought he was an intruder. John found Cooper dead in the dog lot, which simply broke his heart.

Cooper’s story is just one reason that **Cats’ Cradle** has an indoor only policy for adoptions. Not to say that nothing bad ever befalls an indoor only kitty, but it certainly does limit the possibilities for disaster of the kind that happened to John’s beloved Cooper.

This is also a clear lesson for all who want to introduce new pets to a household with resident pets. Special care should always be taken to supervise all interaction between animals until the time that it is CLEAR that no problem exists. Even then, caution should be used when leaving animals alone unsupervised.

Cooper is buried under a special bush on John’s property, and will never be forgotten. For a short period of time, Cooper was the light of many lives. He is sorely missed.

Karyn
Lookabill



Successful Adoptions!



RIPPLEY

Here's a photo of **Rippley** recent emailed to **Cats' Cradle** from Rippley's adopter, Teresa Warren. He looks happy! Thanks, Teresa!

*Rippley's new home . . .
Believe it or not!!!*

MARMALADE

Marmalade goes home!



Marmalade and new family members Chad Hill and son

MARGO

This is Marissa with **Margo**. The Yandle family called several days later and adopted Margo's sister **Meiko** as well!!



Marissa holds Margo

LINUS and LESTER

Mike Kerley adopted **Linus** and **Lester**, who are litter mates. They had been adopted as kittens and returned, only to be seen by Mike at PetSmart the following week and . . . HAPPY ENDING!



Lester and Linus with Mike

BLOSSOM

Blossom was a "problem child." This huge orange-swirl tabby female does NOT like other kitties and terrorized the resident cats in her **Cats' Cradle** foster home...

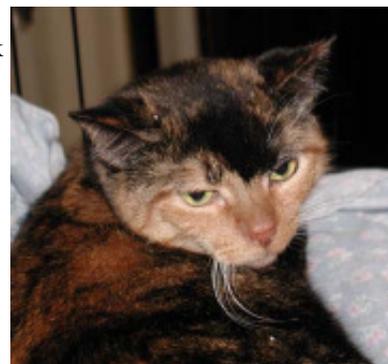
However, Blossom was very loving with her human friends and when Leslie Stilwell saw her picture in the *Hickory Daily Record*, she was determined to make it work with her resident kitty, Toby. After many months of hissing and hollering, Toby and Blossom now actually nap together!



Toby and Blossom, adopted by Leslie Stilwell and son Jeremy

KATE

Kate came to us as a stray who suffered from open sores down her back and a front leg injury which caused a permanent limp. When Karen Isenhour read her story in the newspaper, she brought her husband and son to see Kate. Unable to get Kate off her mind, Karen returned a couple of days later to adopt her. When we called to check on Kate, Karen said, "We re-arranged everything to accommodate her. Our other two cats have adjusted and it has worked out wonderfully for everybody. We are so happy to have her. We can't re-do the past, but we can promise her a wonderful future in her forever home."



Special Needs Kitties Wanting To Be Adopted

BIG BUDDY

When Billy Ogden lost his home and could no longer keep his long time companion kitties, **Samantha**, **Miss Kitty** (see page 3) and **Big Buddy**, he called **Cats' Cradle** to help find them new homes with caring families.

Samantha found a forever home with Annette Clontz. Very recently, Miss Kitty, a 12-year-old, saggy baggy kitty girl, finally found kind-hearted adopter Cindy Kidd of Marion, to snuggle up with on cold winter evenings. That left Miss Kitty's litter mate and crusty old bachelor, Big Buddy, in foster care, still looking for that special new home and hearth of his own.



Big Buddy

Big Buddy was a huge easy going, sociable old gent when he first came to **Cats' Cradle** but he is simply miserable in foster care with many other kitties that he isn't familiar with. Buddy spends his time on high surfaces trying to avoid contact, rather than lounging in a sunny spot as he was his habit.

Cats' Cradle is hoping to find a home for Big Buddy with only a few kitties or as an only kitty, where he will have an opportunity to once again be the happy go lucky fellow he has always been. If this story has touched your heart, please call Karyn at 828-638-6565, for more information about Big Buddy.

CALLEBELLE

CalleBelle is a fat and sassy, SH, 6-year-old, calico female kitty who needs someone to love her. She was in a home situation where she got little human contact until being rescued by **Cats' Cradle**. CalleBelle's present foster mom has done wonders socializing this gorgeous kitty; she has begun to be affectionate and trusting, insisting on her share of the attention, tolerant of the other foster cats, even curious about the "new recruits" that come in.



Although CalleBelle still needs time to adjust to new people, she is ready for a home of her own. **Cats' Cradle** hopes to find CalleBelle a quiet home with no small children or aggressive dogs, a home that will appreciate the fact that she will bloom with individual attention and love. To adopt CalleBelle, call Diana at 828-437-6971 or Karyn at 828-638-6565.

CHLOE

Chloe is an exotic, petite, 2-year-old dark tortie female kitty who is the sweetest of lap cats. This vocal little lady will sit when you do, follow where you go, and generally be a constant companion.



Due to an early home situation in which pregnant Chloe was neglected, she has a residual leaky eye syndrome which only occurs during times of great stress for her. Chloe recovers quickly when things return to normal, and is a delightful kitty to share space with! To adopt Chloe, call Karyn at 828-638-6565.

HALLIE

Hallie is a unique, 2-year-old, short hair, gray/gold tabby female kitty. She is shy but sweet as can be and is a sensitive, well-mannered lady.



Hallie has a distinctive cauliflower ear, which makes her even more special. This little lady would be a fine pet for a family with older children, a wonderful companion for a single person or a couple. This kitty will really appreciate some personal attention! To adopt Hallie, call Lynda at 828-433-4925.

Adopt Us Too!

GEORGE and TRICK

George, a gray/white 8-month-old male is a macho kitty, swaggering around looking for something to play with and sweet as pie when he takes time out from playing! **Trick**, a black 10-month-old male is a sweet and personable fellow who loves to smooch his foster folks, "talks" when he wants attention and is just nice to have around. To adopt George or Trick all Karyn at 828-638-6565.



FINN

Finn is a handsome 8-month-old, orange and white short hair tabby male kitten. He is a large fellow, an alpha cat boy. Finn is sweet, laid back, a good-natured guy and has experience with other kitties. Finn would be a great kitty friend for any household situation where he is given lots of love and allowed time to adjust to his new home. Super sweet little guy! To adopt Finn call either Lynda at 828-433-4925 or Karyn at 828-638-6565.



Sam's Club Fundraiser

Saturday Oct 7th dawned bright and cool, perfect weather for the annual **Cats' Cradle** Sam's Club Bake Sale and Hamburger Cookout Fundraising event.



Cats' Cradle

volunteers Karyn and Tony Lookabill, Bill and Nancy Jones were on the spot by 8am, set up and ready for action by 9. Set up team was joined by John and Diana Rath at the bake sale table and Leila McMichael at the face painting table, along with Katie, the special needs kitty.

Bill and Nancy

Tony and Bill manned the grills, while Nancy raked in the cash and Karyn provided photos and taste-tested baked goods. Volunteers cooked, painted, peddled baked goods and kitty merchandise till 4pm.

*Seasons Greetings from
Cats' Cradle*



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Special thanks to Tanner's Big Orange of Greenville, SC for donating ALL hamburgers, hotdogs and fixings! Many, many thanks to all who baked, bought goods for sale, and thanks to Sam's Club for providing a terrific venue.



John donates while Diane looks on

Volunteer efforts netted roughly \$650 used solely for **Cats' Cradle** needs, which are many!!

Karyn Lookabill



Tony gets a dragon painted on his arm by Leila



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