

New England Veterinary Medical Association 2023 Board Members

President: Hailey Gentile, DVM (VT) is the owner of Newport Veterinary Hospital in Newport, Vermont. She is a 2007 graduate from Washington State University, Go Cougs! Dr. Gentile lives in Glover, Vermont, a stone's throw from the Canadian border, with her husband, one dog (Bow), and two cats (Noodle and Doodle). She is the alternate delegate to the AVMA for Vermont, a past president of the Vermont Veterinary Medical Association, and a past board member for the VBMA Alumni. In her free time, she loves to travel, read, and watch Steeler football!

President-Elect: Elizabeth Kellett, BVSc (NH) is an associate veterinarian at Blackwater Veterinary Services, a mixed animal practice in Salisbury, New Hampshire. A graduate of Massey University in New Zealand, Dr. Kellett is a Past President of the New Hampshire VMA. She and her husband share their old farmhouse with three children, a dog, and three rabbits. Dr Kellett loves being a part of the local community, rowing and weaving in her spare time.

Treasurer: Lindsay Thibeault, DVM (RI) is Medical Director of the RISPCA in East Providence, Rhode Island. She previously owned a mobile small animal veterinary practice, Creature Comforts Veterinary Services. She received her DVM from Cornell University in 2004. Dr. Thibeault is a past president of the Rhode Island Veterinary Medical Association. When not working, Dr. Thibeault is generally to be found wrangling her unruly herd of animals including two ponies, two dogs, three cats, and eight chickens and, once they're settled, reading a "trashy" romance novel!

First Vice President: Meera Gatlin, DVM, MPH, DACVPM (MA) is an assistant professor of public health at Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University, where she leads students in the DVM/MPH dual-degree program. Her research and teaching interests are in food protection, public health literature, and global health. She received her DVM and MPH degrees from Tufts in 2016. After graduation, she worked as an associate veterinarian in Framingham, Massachusetts and still does relief work when not teaching.

She lives in central Massachusetts with her husband, two kids, and two corgis. When not working, she loves to travel, practice yoga, watch Paw Patrol with her kids, and collect fountain pens.

Second Vice President: Kelsey Hilton, VMD (ME) is a large animal veterinarian at Annabessacook Veterinary Clinic in Monmouth, Maine. She graduated from University of Pennsylvania in 2012 and has served on the board of the Maine VMA. Her interests include large animal medicine and surgery, bovine and small ruminant reproduction and ultrasound and she particularly enjoys consulting with small farmers to develop preventative husbandry plans for their herds and developing client education materials. She lives on her family farm in Starks, where she keeps highland cattle and a few horses and helps manage hayfields and selectively cut woodland. Her other interests include skiing, riding horses, and exploring the outdoors with her partner Justin. More recently, she has been involved in helping to organize a western-style equine skijoring competition.

Third Vice President: Monica Dijanic, DVM (CT) is co-owner and medical director at Beaver Brook Animal Hospital in Wethersfield, CT and lives with her husband, two dogs, three cats and 24 chickens in North Granby, Connecticut. She is a 2003 graduate of Ross University's School of Veterinary Medicine and did her senior year at the University of MN. She is currently the Small Animal Representative on the CVMA Board of Directors and is the President of Veterinarians for the Intervention and Prevention of Suicide (VIPS). When not at work, she loves crafting, yoga, and reading.

Immediate Past President: Edward Grace, DVM (CT) is a partner at Bolton Veterinary Hospital, a 23 doctor small animal and emergency referral hospital in Bolton, Connecticut. Dr. Grace is a 1988 graduate of Purdue and lives in Coventry, Connecticut with his wife Susan and their dogs Rosie and Dash. Dr. Grace has served on several town committees, the CVMA board, and was for 16 years the Cross Country coach for Coventry High School. When not working his interests include running, cycling, Nordic skiing, and piano.

Welcome to Portland and the 88th New England Veterinary Conference

It is our pleasure to welcome you to Portland for the New England Veterinary Conference!

The New England VMA is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization whose mission is to provide continuing education to the entire veterinary community. You can expect stellar continuing education, excellent networking opportunities and fun New England flavored social activities while knowing some of the proceeds help support organizations that truly make a difference for veterinary students and veterinarians, as a portion of the net proceeds from the conference are distributed to the Veterinary Scholarship Trust of New England and the foundations of the VMA's of the six New England States.

The conference is organized and presented by a volunteer Board of Directors, one from each New England state, and the fantastic Christina Strubbe, our conference manager. We have an excellent array of topics from some of the top speakers in the profession for the whole veterinary health care team, as well as great social activities to help you unwind.

The city of Portland also boasts a fantastic food scene, excellent beer, and a great vibe! Just a short stroll from the conference hotel you will find exceptional coastal scenery, shopping, restaurants, live music, and history.



We welcome your feedback as we work to make the conference better every year. Please fill out an evaluation form before you leave or complete the form through the link that will be sent to you after the conference. We take your feedback seriously and would love to hear your thoughts!

I hope you have a great time this weekend! Enjoy the conference and your stay in Portland!

Hailey Gentile, DVM 2023 President, New England Veterinary Medical Association

The New England Veterinary Medical Association is essentially a federation, with each New England state VMA appointing or electing a Director, whose primary purpose is to plan this annual Conference, now in its 88th year. Every veterinarian who is a member of a New England state VMA is also a member of our New England VMA. In recent years almost all of the annual net financial gain from this Conference has been distributed in equal shares to the charitable foundations of the six New England VMAs and to the Veterinary Scholarship Trust of New England (VSTONE).

Our Conference also hosts the Northeast Veterinary Leadership Meeting, at which the top elected leaders and staff of the New England states and New York discuss key issues with AVMA leadership and Region One Delegates, the Dean of Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts and New England's state and federal regulatory veterinarians.

Conference Details

CE Certificates:	A link to download your certificate will be emailed to you approximately a week after the conference.	
Parking:	For day attendees, there is complimentary parking on a first come, first served basis in two locations: 1. The garage next to the hotel 2. The lot on 110 Free Street will be open approximately 2 hours each morning. No re-entry, no overnight parking	
	There are other garages within several blocks of the hotel, rates vary.	
	Overnight guests, park in the garage under hotel.	
Meals:	Continental breakfast, lunch, and breaks are included for the days you are registered.	
CE Credits:	6 credit hours per lecture day Friday-Sunday. Lab credits vary by lab.	
Exhibit Hall:	Friday, Sept. 22: 7:30 am–5:30 pm Saturday, Sept. 23: 7:00 am–3:30 pm Sunday, Sept. 24: 7:30 am–12:30 pm (select vendors)	
Family/Guests:	Guests must be registered for access to meals and the exhibit hall. The \$50 guest fee covers breakfast, lunch, and admission to the exhibit hall. No entrance to lectures.	
Proceedings:	Notes are available to download for no charge on the conference app. A limited nuber of USB drives (\$50) and printed proceedings (\$100) are available for purchase	
Annual Meeting:	11:30 am on Sunday, September 24, over lunch in the Casco Bay Hall	
Nursing Mothers:	There is a shared room available for nursing/pumping. Please ask at registration.	
Questions?	Please visit the registration desk in the foyer.	

On the waitlist for the ultrasound labs and looking for additional hands-on ultrasound opportunities?

Both Sound Technologies and Universal Imaging offer education opportunities at locations around the country!

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Annual Meeting & Volunteer Opportunities

The NEVMA annual meeting will be held at lunch on Sunday and we will be voting on changes to the bylaws. If you are a member of a New England state VMA, you are considered a member of the New England VMA. The NEVMA board is made up of volunteer leaders from each of the New England states. In order to give more people the opportunity to serve, the board proposes the following changes:

- Shortening the board term to four years from seven.
- · Allowing two people from each state to serve on the board, and
- · Allowing the board to nominate officers each year to allow people to serve in the capacity they are comfortable with as opposed to rotating through all of the officer positions.

A full copy of the by-laws to be voted on are located on our website, www.nevma.org, if you would like to read them. There will also be copies available at registration.

Being involved with organized veterinary medicine is an excellent way to give back to our profession. Once the proposed changes are ratified, all of the New England states will have available openings for NEVMA board seats. If you are interested in serving, please contact your state veterinary medical association.

Thank you!

Thank You to Our 2023 Sponsors!



































Thursday, September 21

Schedule at a Glance:

7:30 am-4:00 pm Registration Desk Open
8:00 am-12:00 pm Morning Lectures/Labs start
12:00-1:00 pm Lunch (for full day attendees)
1:00-5:00 pm Afternoon Labs/Lectures start

Events:

9 am-4:30 pm Leadership Meeting—New Hampshire

8:30 am VSTONE Golf Tournament Dunegrass Golf Course



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Friday, September 22

Schedule at a Glance:

7:30 am-4:00 pm Registration Desk Open

7:30 am-5:30 pm Exhibit Hall Open

7:30–8:30 am Breakfast - Casco Bay Hall

8:30–10:00 am Session 1

10:00–10:30 am Break - Casco Bay Hall

10:30 am–12:00 pm Session 2

12:00–1:00 pm Lunch - Casco Bay Hall

1:00–2:30 pm Session 3

2:30–3:00 pm Break - Casco Bay Hall

3:00–4:30 pm Session 4

Events:

4:30–5:30 pm Vendor Reception in Casco Bay Hall

5:30–8:30 pm Dinner on Peaks Island

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	Session 1 8:30–10:00 am	Session 2 10:30 am-12:00 pm	Session 3 1:00–2:30 pm	Session 4 3:00–4:30 pm
Nutrition Vermont Room	Something New for Something Old: Chronic Kidney Disease Joe Bartges	Nephron News: Glomerular & Tubular Disease Joe Bartges	Leaks & Sprays: Micturition Disorders & FIC Joe Bartges	Rocks & Bugs: Stones and UTI Joe Bartges NATURAL Veterinary Diet
Dentistry (DVM) New Hampshire Room	Complete Guide to Tooth Resorption in Dogs and Cats Kristina Feigin	Demystifying Oral Tu- mors and Cysts in Dogs and Cats Kristina Feigin	Fifty Shades of Grey: Contemporary Under- standing of Discolored Teeth in Dogs and a Deep Dive into Dead Teeth Kristina Feigin	Oral Exam and Charting Dogs and Cats ~ Focus on Gingival Enlarge- ments - From Diagnosis to Treatment Bonnie Shope
Dentistry (Tech) Connecticut/ Rhode Island Room	The Complete Plan for the Periodontal Patient – The Equipment and Steps to Perform a COHAT Mary Berg	Dental Radiology Positioning and Basic Interpretation Mary Berg	Common Oral Pathology Mary Berg	Gaining Dental Compliance by Utilizing Veterinary Technicians in Practice Mary Berg
Exotics Massachusetts Room	Exotics for the General Practitioner: When to Refer and What You Should Tackle, Part I Jennifer Graham	Exotics for the General Practitioner: When to Refer and What You Should Tackle, Part II Jennifer Graham	Exotic Animal ER, Top 10 Mistakes to Avoid Jennifer Graham	Avian Triage, Vascular Access, and Fluid Resus- citation Jennifer Graham
The Birds and the Bees Cumberland/ Kennebec/Lincoln Room	Common Diseases of Backyard Poultry and Appropriate (and Legal) Treatment Options Part I Cheryl Greenacre	Common Diseases of Backyard Poultry and Appropriate (and Legal) Treatment Options Part II Cheryl Greenacre	Honey Bee Basics for Veterinarians: Are you a "Newbee"? Tracy Farone	Common Diseases in Honey Bee Medicine, Beyond Foulbrood: Wanta "Save the Bees"? Tracy Farone
Practice Management Oxford/Somerset Room	Employees – Our Most Valuable Asset Andrea Crabtree	It's All About the Job Andrea Crabtree	Coaching, Reviews & Feedback Andrea Crabtree	Put Me In Coach! Developing Your Leadership Team Andrea Crabtree

Saturday, September 23

Schedule at a Glance:		Events:		
7:00 am-3:30 pm	Registration Desk Open	6:45-7:50 am	Cold Laser Therapy - Port of Call Lounge	
7:00-8:00 am	Breakfast - Casco Bay Hall	7:00 am-3:15 pmVSTONE Raffle—hallway near the CT Ro		
7:00 am-3:30 pm	Exhibit Hall Open	Drawing held at 3:15pm & must be present to		
8:00-9:30 am	Session 1	4:45–7:00 pm	Sunset Sail on Casco Bay—Meet in front of hotel	
9:30-10:00 am	Break - Casco Bay Hall	1.10 7.00 pm	Sunset San on Caseo Bay—weet in front of noter	
10:00-11:30 am	Session 2	5:00–6:30 pm	Sunset Kayak—East End Beach	
11:30 am-1:00 pm	Lunch - Casco Bay Hall	5:00–6:00 pm	Fire Engine Tour—Meet in front of hotel	
1:00-2:30 pm	Session 3	3.00-0.00 pm		
2:30–3:00 pm	Break - Casco Bay Hall	5:00-6:30 pm	Bay Cycle Tour—Meet at Bell Buoy Park	
3:00-4:30 pm	Session 4			

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	Session 1 Session 2 Session 3 Session 4			Session 4
	8:00–9:30 am	10:00–11:30 am	1:00–2:30 pm	3:00–4:30 pm
Nutrition AM Dentistry PM Vermont Room	Food for Thought: Home-made / Raw / Therapeutic Diets Joe Bartges NATURAL Veterinary Diet		I See It Now! Dental Radiographic Interpreta- tion in Dogs and Cats Bonnie Shope	Practice Makes Perfect - Interactive Dental Radio- graphic Reading Session Bonnie Shope
Pain Management New Hampshire Room	Breaking news! Round- up of All That's New in Anesthesia and Analgesia Tamara Grubb	Local blocks: Which Ones Can You Infiltrate in YOUR Practice? Tamara Grubb	Stop the Suffering: Treating Chronic Pain Tamara Grubb	What are They Hiding? Pain Assessment in Dogs and Cats Tamara Grubb
Dentistry AM Nutrition PM Connecticut/ Rhode Island Room	Periodontal Disease – The Good, The Bad and the Ugly Suzanna Hatunen	Dental Hygiene and Homecare: Brushes, Rins- es, Chews & An Update on Feline Stomatitis Suzanna Hatunen	Meals for Wheels & Liver Let Live: OAA & Liver Joe Bartges NATURAL Veterinary Diet	What Foods These Morsels Be: Nutritional Plans & Controversies Joe Bartges NATURAL Veterinary Dies
Ruminants York Room	Urolithiasis in Small Ruminants: What the Past 18 Years Have Taught Me Marie-Eve Fecteau	Mammary Problems in Small Ruminants: From Toxic Mastitis to the Pre- cautious Udder Marie-Eve Fecteau	Abdominal Emergencies in Cattle: From Workup to Surgery Marie-Eve Fecteau	Johne's Disease in Cattle and Small Ruminants: Is There Anything New Out There? Marie-Eve Fecteau
Practice Management Oxford/Somerset Room	How to Improve Your Practice Culture in the "New Normal" Chaos Andrea Crabtree	Courageous Conversations & Communication with Clients & Co-Workers Andrea Crabtree	Five Minutes to Understanding the Practice P&L and Which KPIs Should You be Evaluating Andrea Crabtree	Work ON Your Practice Not Just IN Your Practice Andrea Crabtree
Exotics Cumberland/ Kennebec/ Lincoln Room	Ferret Medicine Jennifer Graham	Avian Respiratory Emergencies Jennifer Graham	Rabbit Medicine Jennifer Graham	Avian Top 10 Emergencies Jennifer Graham
Potpourri Massachusetts Room	The Golden Age of Veterinary Medicine: The Ownership Opportunity Isaiah Douglass	Wildlife Conservation and Veterinary Care in South- ern Africa Today Wouter van Hoven	One Health: Theory to Practice Joann Lindenmayer	Evidence-Based Veterinary Medicine: Promises, Pitfalls, & Potential Joann Lindenmayer

Sunday, September 24

Schedule at a Glance:

7:30 am–1:00 pm Registration Desk Open

7:30–8:00 am Breakfast - Casco Bay Hall

7:30 am–12:30 pm Exhibit Hall Open (Limited Exhibitors)

8:00–9:30 am Session 1

9:30–10:00 am Break - Casco Bay Hall

10:00–11:30 am Session 2

12:30–2:00 pm Session 3

2:00–2:15 pm Break - 1st Floor, Main Hall

2:15–3:45 pm Session 4

Events:

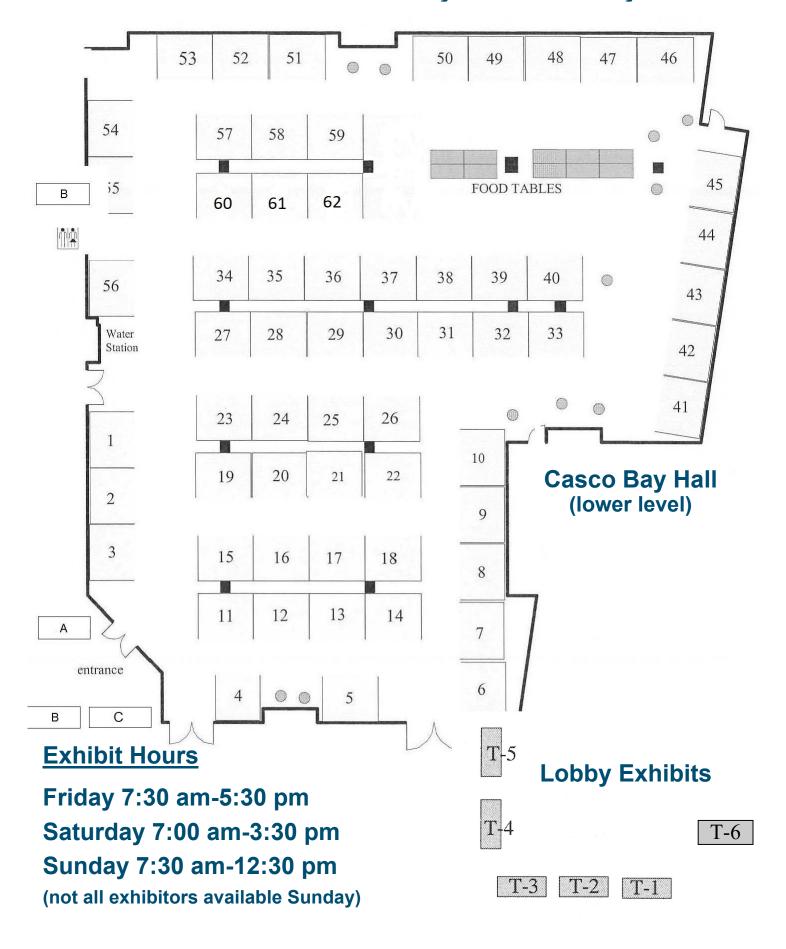
6:30-7:30 am Morning All-levels Yoga

York Room

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	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4
	8:00–9:30 am	10:00–11:30 am	12:30–2:00 pm	2:15–3:45 pm
Anesthesia New Hampshire Room	Could We, Should We, How Would We? Ques- tions from the Trenches Tamara Grubb	Prevention/treatment of Anesthesia Related Com- plications Tamara Grubb	Sedation & Anesthesia for Patients with Comor- bidities Tamara Grubb	Sedation & Anesthesia for Fractious/Aggressive Patients Tamara Grubb
Internal Medicine/ Parasitology Vermont Room	Immune Checkpoint Inhibition: The Rising Star in Oncology Therapeutics Laura Greene MERCK Animal Health		Fabulous Felines but Difficult Diabetics: Approach to Complicated Diabetic Patients Laura Greene MERCK Animal Health	Heartworm Disease: How to Navigate Diagnostic Dilemma Kathryn Duncan MERCK Animal Health
Connecticut/ Rhode Island Room	Abdominal Ultrasound Lab Robert Fulton	(Preregistration Require	ANT	ECH ad Imaging 6
Equine Neurology Massachusetts Room	The basics of performing an equine neurologic evaluation Sarah Colmer	Common neurologic conditions in the horse and associated diagnostics Sarah Colmer	Equine Degenerative Myeloencephalopathy (EDM) - what we know and what we don't Sarah Colmer	How to manage equine neurologic trauma (brain & spinal cord) Sarah Colmer
Customer Service Cumberland/ Kennebec/ Lincoln Room	Say What? Using verbiage to improve the client experience Sarah Wolff	Herding Cats: Getting creative with the schedule Sarah Wolff	CSRs: Your Clinical Team's Secret Weapon Sarah Wolff	Simple SOPs that will leave your front desk and clients smiling Sarah Wolff
Wellness Oxford/Somerset Room	Learning the Ins and Outs of Employee En- gagement Kim Pope Robinson	Honor Ourselves and We Honor the Human Ani- mal Bond Kim Pope Robinson	Promoting Team Well Being Is More than Pizza Parties Kim Pope Robinson	How to Manage Personal Emotions in Tough Con- versations Kim Pope Robinson

Exhibit Hall Friday & Saturday



2023 NEVC Exhibitors

Collect 50 stamps from the exhibitors and receive a \$25 gift discount on next year's conference and be entered to win a \$100 Visa gift card or a free registration to 2024 NEVC.

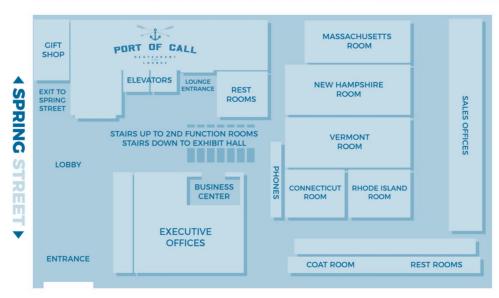
50	Antech Diagnostics & SOUND Imaging*	36	Nutramax Laboratories
T-3	Associated X-Ray Imaging Corp.	16	NVA—National Veterinary Associates
T-2	AVMA PAC	59	Omni Practice Group
34	Banfield Pet Hospital	13	Oncura Partners
28	Bank of America Practice Solutions	11	Patterson Veterinary Supply
53	Best Pet Rx*	12	Phibro Animal Health
56	Blue Buffalo*	26	Pieper Veterinary
55	Boehringer-Ingelheim Animal Health*	54	Portland Veterinary Emergency &
29	Ceva Animal Health (Friday only)		Specialty Care
Α	Christian Veterinary Mission	42	Provide*
41	Covetrus*	40	Rarebreed Veterinary Partners
В	Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)	8	Respond Systems*
51	Dechra*	6	Schultz Technology*
24	Elanco Animal Health	27	Simmons & Associates Northeast
15	ElleVet	47	Standard Process*
3	Erchonia Corporation*	9	TD Bank*
25	Ezee-Visit Pet Vet Mat	7	Torigen Pharmaceuticals
22	Final Gift	14	Total Practice Solutions Group
21	FOCUS Healthcare Realty	61	Trupanion
46	Heart & Paw*	19	Universal Imaging
37	Hill's Pet Nutrition	С	USDA
32	Huntington Practice Finance	45	Vet-Ray Technology by Sedecal*
1	IDEXX*	4	VetCor*
30	MAI Animal Health	42	Vetamac*
31	Mainely Veterinary Dentistry, LLC	10	VetoquinoI*
57	MedTech International Group	33	VetVector*
18	Merchant Cost Consulting	T-1	Veterinary Emergency & Specialty
49	Merck Animal Health*		Hospitals
35	Modeus	T-4	Veterinary Urgent Care Center
48	Monarch Business Consulting*	20	Virbac Animal Health
58	Movora	T-6	VSTONE
52	MSPCA-Angell*	2	Wingate's Pharmacy & Compounding*
23	MWI Animal Health	17	Wondfo USA
43	Myhre Equine Clinic/New England Regional	38	Zoetis Diagnostics
	Imaging Center*	39	Zoetis Petcare
5	Nestle Purina Petcare*	60	Zomedica* (54 on Sunday)
T-5	Not One More Vet		

^{*} Staying for Sunday morning, same location unless noted

Quick Details

- Meals/breaks are downstairs in the exhibit hall
- You may bring your lunch upstairs from the exhibit hall and eat in the hotel restaurant
- CE Certificate: A download link will be emailed to you one week after the conference
- Hotel Map with Room Locations:

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