

# **FUNDA NENJA**

Annual Report 2021

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# **Chairman's Report**

Funda Nenja has embraced the Covid-19 pandemic with the usual flare and hard work that they have shown in their 11 years existence and the staff and volunteers have dealt with the adverse conditions very professionally.

We were even able to relocate seamlessly to a new school and the new location is working extremely well.

As the chairman my job has been made very easy due to the enthusiastic, motivated and very capable team we have.

Glynn Harborth continues to give of his time and is not shy to volunteer to assist with any projects. He keeps a sharp eye on the spending which enables us to have a rather healthy bank balance.

Lisa Button continues as Project Administrator as well as assistant dog school manager and has worked tirelessly to ensure that things always run smoothly.

Nomonde Dlungwane, our education officer has been joined this year by Zinhle Msimango as our Auxiliary Social Worker and Vincent Mncwabe who is our Driver and also an Auxiliary Social Worker. Their presence at the dog school and in the community has created an improved awareness and appreciation for the organisation within Mpophomeni.

Adrienne Olivier, our dog school manager, continues to tirelessly promote the aims and objectives of the organisation. We are very grateful for the effort and knowledge she brings to the team.

Christine Klapprodt unfortunately left us to return with her family to Germany and has been replaced by the very able Dr Daniela Steckler and we are thankful for her input. We are also grateful to the extended veterinary team which also includes the assistance from Howick Small Animal Clinic and the State Veterinary Dept.

I wish to thank all our volunteers, community assistants, donors and supporters for their contributions and support. Without which, Funda Nenja would not have enjoyed the successful past year. We hope that we can continue with the same support and success in the coming year.

Neil Button Chairman

# **Dog School Manager's Report**

#### **Overview**

The Funda Nenja Dog School has always played a pivotal role in our organisation as it acts as the portal into the community of Mpophomeni which we serve. It is where values such as kindness, respect and compassion are nurtured through the practical hands-on activity of dog training and our One Welfare model. However, the Covid 19 Pandemic saw us being forced to adapt our approach as lockdown restrictions limited our regular Friday afternoon classes and the management team had to rethink how we could still serve the community despite the challenges we faced.

## **The Dog Training Programme**

On average, in the past, we have usually had about 35 dog school sessions per annum, but this past financial year saw us holding only 15 sessions from March 2020 to February 2021, due to lockdown restrictions on mass gatherings. No classes were held from mid March until the beginning of September when the restrictions eased somewhat.

Our registered attendance of 105 children and dogs in March dropped to 31 in September when the dog school reopened after a break of 6 months, and then rose to 78 by the end of 2020. No classes were held in January and February 2021 when the second wave of Covid 19 spread across the country. However, we did register 24 new handlers and dogs over June and August so that home visits and sterilisations could be arranged, making a total new intake of 103 over the year. Most of these learners were boys averaging 12 years of age, with girls accounting for slightly more than 1% of attendees.

Special mention must be made of the generous monthly donation of dog food used for the dog school training programme by the Do- More Foundation and the Gabrielle Faickney Charitable Trust.



#### Relocation of venue

In October Funda Nenja received formal notice to leave the premises from Zamuthule Primary School which has provided us with our venue for the past 10 years. After a significant amount of research

and debate we approached
Sifisesihle Primary School which
is the same neighbourhood and
were delighted when a memorandum
of understanding was drawn up and
signed by both parties.

Moving all our office equipment, in



addition to dismantling roofing and relocating 4 shipping containers proved to be a huge task, all of which was efficiently managed by our project administrator. Our new "home" is a work in progress, but we are certain that both the Funda Nenja and school communities will enjoy a mutually beneficial relationship for many years to come.





# **Volunteers and Community Assistants**

Volunteers and community assistants are an essential part of the dog school and we had an average of 22 helpers, in addition to our 5 staff members, assisting at our Friday afternoon training sessions. The team members assist with distribution of

juice and fruit as well as dog food to the children, sales of collars, leads, dog food and kennels, preparing treat bags for our handlers, primary veterinary care, stock control, photos for media releases, and class instruction. Our community assistants are from the local



community of Mpophomeni, while volunteers come from the surrounding areas of Pietermaritzburg, Hilton and Howick.

Our Community Assistants all receive a modest monthly stipend in appreciation of their

commitment and contribution to the initiative.

In view of the ever present risk of rabies in KZN and the high risk associated with the handing of unknown dogs, all our dog school team members are regularly given the recommended prophylactic rabies treatment as a precaution. Three new members of the team were given this treatment at our cost as the state no longer provides a free service prior to rabies exposure.



## **Education and Skills Development**

The up-skilling and development of our community assistants continues to be a priority and despite the challenges presented by the pandemic, we managed to arrange a workshop on good work ethic and another on gender-based violence presented by our social workers.

Our Animal Welfare Education Officer attended a week-long course covering the Animal Protection Act hosted by the Animal Welfare Society in Johannesburg. This was a wonderful experience for her and broadened her understanding of the legal aspects of

animal welfare.

# Welfare

On Friday afternoons primary veterinary health care is provided to the local dog owning community by our voluntary Veterinary team (full details in the project administrator's report) while items such as kennels, dog food, collars and leashes are all sold for a nominal sum. Once dog owners have given written permission to get their dogs sterilised, each dog is issued with a free dog bowl and dog blanket.

Funda Nenja believes that the welfare of the children attending the programme goes hand in hand with the welfare of the dogs so every child attending the classes on Friday afternoons was given a juice and a piece of fruit each week, thanks to the generous sponsorship of local supermarkets. At Christmas the children were treated with a gift bag filled with treats for both themselves and their dogs thanks to the support of kind donors.

#### Conclusion

We have seen a drop in the number of learners from our senior classes since the reopening of the dog training programme after the long enforced break. This is not totally unexpected, but we are doing what we can to encourage these learners to return to classes.

We have noted with some concern an increasing number of Pit Bull type dogs attending classes and seeking veterinary care at our weekly clinic. Whilst the majority of these dogs are in excellent physical condition, the ability of the young dog handlers, and even adult dog owners, to handle these strong dogs has been questionable. We have also noticed an increase in simulated dog fighting in the community which has prompted us to formulate an educational and awareness programme in this regard. The Dog School team continues to strive to improve all facets of the Friday afternoon programme and self-evaluation takes place regularly so that weak areas can be improved upon. We are most thankful for the commitment and support of all those who contribute to the success of this vital component of the Funda Nenja initiative.

Adrienne Olivier

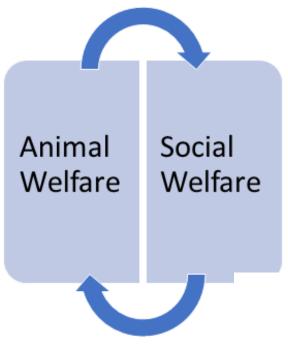
Dog School & General Manager



# **Project Administrator's Report**

Well, 2020 was most definitely unlike any year we have ever experienced before. Covid-19 created new challenges and forced us to think outside the box. As we were unable to hold our usual dog school classes, we had to focus on the immediate needs of both the dogs and their owners. Thanks to wonderful support from our donors and sponsors, we were able to meet these needs during lockdown. Once lockdown levels were reduced, we were able to once again continue with our usual activities but adhered to strict Covid-19 protocols.

# **One Welfare:**



Funda Nenja focuses on both animal welfare and social welfare as they go hand in hand.

Creating a sense of compassion, caring and kindness towards all living beings.



# **Administration & Funding**

In order to comply with relevant authorities and donors Funda Nenja policies and procedures are reviewed annually. Although the organisation is still relatively small in comparison with most NPO's, we take the guidance of the King III report on governance seriously and are attempting to implement relevant policies in decision making and in financial management. Donor funds are utilised according to the terms and conditions set out in contracts.

Staff and volunteer suitability is reviewed and parent indemnity is secured.

2020 saw more staff changes when Rene Morcom left the team and we employed of our new Auxiliary Social Worker, Zinhle Msimango, as well as the employment of a driver, Vincent Mncwabe. We also bid a very sad farewell to our volunteer Vet Nurse, Christine Klapprodt as she and her family moved back to Germany.

In September 2020 we received a visit from Network For Animals who put together a wonderful video, summarising what Funda Nenja does. This video can be viewed on our YouTube channel. We are very grateful to them for subsequent funding received.

We are very grateful for the support received from both local and international donors. Without their support, Funda Nenja would not be able to continue the work that we do. For this, we are extremely grateful. Special thanks going to Dogs Trust Worldwide for their continued support.

Thankyou

# Community Outreach: Animal Welfare

Our community outreach program has proven extremely beneficial in ascertaining problem areas that Funda Nenja needs to focus more on. In order to do this, our Education Officer continues to conduct home visits where she monitors and educates families on the following:

- Getting dogs off short chains
- Providing adequate shelter
- Providing clean drinking water on a daily basis
- Providing food on a daily basis
- The importance of sterilisation
- Calling for assistance when dogs are ill
- Cleaning the area in which the dogs live

All new intake children are required to complete address forms in order for us to obtain important information which is captured onto our data base. Home visits to these new children's homes is vitally important as their education is only just beginning and we need to ensure that the dog's living conditions are acceptable in case they do not return to Funda Nenja. Last year saw the implementation of a new procedure for when no-one is home during a home visit. The staff will assess the living conditions of the dog and then mark on a form that Funda Nenja had visited and which issues were found to be unacceptable, illegal or in need of improvement. This form is pinned to their door. Follow up home visits are then done a week later to check what changes had been made. If the necessary changes have not been made upon the follow up visit, the uMngeni SPCA will be advised accordingly. Our staff are constantly being upskilled and our Education Officer has familiarised herself with the Animal Protection Act and will advise owners accordingly. Where cruelty or neglect is observed, the uMngeni SPCA is also informed immediately.

It has become evident that these home visits are making a substantial impact as we are seeing less and less cruelty, neglect and unacceptable living conditions.



Every month our Education Officer holds lessons for the 3 new intake classes, and covers the following topics:

- The 5 basic freedoms
- Safety around dogs
- Understanding dogs' body language
- Rabies awareness
- Correct handling of dogs and puppies
- Importance of sterilisation
- Dog fighting

As we had to say a very sad farewell to our volunteer vet nurse, Christine Klapprodt, in July 2020, we were very grateful to Dr Daniela Steckler, who had assisted Christine on various occasions, who offered to take over from Christine on a voluntary basis.

Thanks to Dr Dannie and her wonderful team, we have been able to continue to offer primary veterinary care to both Funda Nenja dogs as well as dogs from the greater community. Rabies vaccinations, de-worming, tick & flea control and general medical issues are all attended to on Friday afternoons at dog school, free of charge. Every single new dog that joins the program is immediately vaccinated against rabies and is also de-wormed. They will be de-wormed and vaccinated again the following month, should they continue with the program. Any dogs that are requiring more extensive medical attention are admitted to the Howick Small Animal Clinic for further treatment.



Dr Lee Pachonick, our veterinarian in charge of our sterilisations has continued to run our monthly clinics. Thanks to Dogs Trust Worldwide, we were fortunate to once again receive funding for our monthly sterilisation programme. Dr Lee, and her wonderful team of volunteers, Di Santoro and Debbie Cook, run these steri clinics like a well-oiled machine. Their professionalism and caring nature ensures that the dogs are all well taken care of and discharged once they have recovered sufficiently. Each dog is driven home at the end of the day, with a bag of dog food, by our driver, Vincent Mncwabe.







## Statistics from our community outreach program:

Number of dogs sterilised	108
Number of dogs vaccinated with the 5 in 1 vaccine	178
Number of dogs vaccinated against rabies	497
Number of dogs treated for minor skin conditions/wounds/infections etc	19
Number of dogs de-wormed	369
Number of dogs treated for ticks & fleas	277
Number of dogs collected and treated by the SPCA	2
Number of cases treated by private vet	6
Number of cruelty/neglect cases reported to the SPCA	21
Number of home visits conducted	194

# **Family Support**

Our new Aux. Social Worker has been warmly welcomed by the community and has proved to be a real asset to the Funda Nenja team. We have continued doing home visits and encourage people to come to our classroom/counselling room for more personal counselling sessions. The majority of people find it easier to open up and talk about their situations/feelings in a more private and neutral environment.

At least once a month, our Social Worker holds life skills lessons for the children who do not own dogs and are not part of the Funda Nenja dog school program. In these lessons she covers topics such as:

- Morals
- Respect
- Manners
- Responsibilities
- Sexual awareness (our bodies)
- Bullying
- Drug and alcohol abuse
- Finding support around us
- Making good decisions



We have also held regular jumble sales where the community are invited to come and buy clothing, household items etc, at very reduced prices. These items are all donated by our followers and supporters. We are extremely grateful for these donated items which enables us to hold the jumble sales for the community of Mpophomeni. (The prices range from R2 to R20 per item).







In this harsh economic climate, and the aftermath of the Covid-19 lockdown, the increase of poverty and ill health we are seeing a huge need for psycho social assistance within the community of Mpophomeni. Our Social Worker has done a fantastic job of gaining the trust of the community and is making a noticeable impact within the community.

She has also recently teamed up with SANCA, and together they have been holding workshops and counselling sessions for people with substance abuse issues as well as parents who are struggling with children who have addiction problems. These workshops have been extremely successful and well attended with over 70 attendees at times, which shows the seriousness of the problem and the need for assistance.



In August 2020 we were able to assist a family who were living in deplorable conditions. A mother and her 3 children were all living in a tiny corrugated iron house approximately 4m x 4m in size, with no windows. One of the children, a 16 year old boy, is an instructor at Funda Nenja and has been with us since he was about 10 years old. We made an executive decision to purchase a wooden house for the family which was erected in 1 day. The family were ecstatic and extremely grateful. Their house now consists of 2 bedrooms and a lounge/kitchen area.





Before After



Another family outreach project was the Wonderbag Project. This was being run by

the Howick Hospice who were selling Wonderbags at a very reduced price. Funda Nenja was able to purchase approximately 60 Wonderbags and distribute them to families in Mpophomeni.







During Covid-19 level 5 lockdown, we were able to obtain permits to go into Mpophomeni to assist the community with food parcels and hygiene packs. We were extremely grateful to members of the public for their generosity when we appealed to them for donations towards food parcels, dog food and hygiene packs. We were able to purchase enough food for both humans and dogs on a regular basis throughout level 5 lockdown and even into level 4 and level 3.







We would also like to thank Khulisani Agricultural Academy / Farm 2 You for their very generous donation of maas and their assistance with the distribution within Mpophomeni. We would also like to thank them for organising many more food parcels for us through Boxer Superstores.





# **Monitoring & Evaluation**

We were extremely fortunate and grateful to Dr Jim Taylor for offering to put together a fabulous Monitoring & Evaluation document in 2019. This document was completed in 2020 and covered all our achievements, our trials and tribulations and highlighted the positive impact that Funda Nenja has had on the community of Mpophomeni since we began in 2009.

#### The book covers:

- Introduction & background
- Research methodology
- How Funda Nenja works
- Stories of change
- Management, finances and fund-raising
- Partnerships
- Principles & core values
- The future & shaping recommendations

The full document can be downloaded off our website.

We were also contacted by Jennifer Norins, a PhD Student at Durban University of Technology. Ms. Norins is conducting her PhD research study on developing a culture of evaluation within non-profit organisations in South Africa. Specifically, the research aims to examine how building competence and confidence around monitoring and evaluation and awareness of evaluative thinking contributes to the development and effectiveness of civil society/non-profit organisations in South Africa. The research involves a participatory research approach, in which participating organisations are part of the process of developing evaluations and analysing results.

This research study is still in progress.



Evaluation

# In Conclusion

Although the Covid-19 pandemic caused fear and panic amongst many people and organisations, we are proud of the way our team handled it and made the necessary provisions and took the necessary precautions. It definitely made us think outside the box and we were extremely fortunate to have been able to keep our heads above water and continue to service the needs of both the people and dogs of Mopophomeni.

It was not all doom and gloom though, as we were able to purchase our very first

Funda Nenja vehicle. A Mahindra Bolero single cab bakkie. We had it branded through LT Printers who did a brilliant job, and we are now very visible within the Mpophomeni community.





We have had a substantial amount of communication from various people around the country as well as from Mexico and Uruguay who are interested in starting similar programmes to Funda Nenja. This is a huge compliment to us and shows how our programme is growing in popularity and the fact that we are now recognised internationally is a testament to our sucess.

Our Facebook page is still very popular with just over 8,000 followers and just over 1,000 followers on Instagram. These numbers are increasing annually.





## **Family Support:**

With our new Aux. Social Worker, Zinhle Msimango, joining our team in September 2020, we have been able to attend to many more families in need of social welfare

assistance and counselling. Zinhle has proven to be a real asset to Funda Nenja and we look forward to a long and prosperous relationship with her. We anticipate the need for social welfare assistance to increase as we see the negative impact that Covid-19 and lockdown has had on so many families.



We have also found our driver, Vincent Mncwabe, to be a very valuable team member and his assistance with driving both our Animal Welfare Education Officer and our Aux. Social Worker on their home visits has been extremely helpful and beneficial.

#### **Animal Welfare:**

Although Covid-19 lockdown prevented us from continuing with our full dog school for a period of time, we were still able to attend to the needs of the dogs through distributing dog food and attending to any of their veterinary needs.

After Funda Nenja's relocation to Sifisesihle Primary School, and the lifting of the lockdown restrictions, we were grateful to be able to once again open up our dog school and continue with our education programme. We have been pleased to see the number of children wanting to join our programme each month and hope that this continues as this the beginning of their new journey with their dogs and beginning of their animal welfare education.

We very seldom see abused or malnourished dogs in Mpophomeni which is proof that the Funda Nenja programme is successful and we hope to be able to continue long into the future.

Lisa Button
Project Administrator



# **Accounting Officer's Report**

FUNDA NENJA
THE TOWNSHIP DOG TRAINING INITIATIVE
(NPO reference 085-038)

#### **ACCOUNTING OFFICER'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS**

I have performed the duties of accounting officer to Funda Nenja for the year ending 28 February 2021 as required by section 17(2) of the Non-Profit Organisation Act (71 of 1997) (the Act) and by its constitution.

The annual financial statements for the year ending 28 February 2021 set out on pages 5 to 8 are the responsibility of the Management Committee. I have satisfied myself that the annual financial statements are in agreement with the accounting records and have done so by adopting such procedures and conducting such enquires in relation thereto as I considered necessary.

I have reviewed the accounting policies which have been presented to me as having been adopted and applied in the preparation of the financial statements and I consider that they are appropriate to the organisation and have been appropriately applied therein.

I have also satisfied myself that the association has complied with the provisions of the Act, and of its constitution, which relate to financial matters.

No audit is required by the Act and no audit was conducted by me and accordingly I do not express or imply an opinion or any other form of assurance on the financial statements.

Nigel Hemming - Chartered Accountant (SA)

(Membership no 00162197)

Date



# FUNDA NENJA THE TOWNSHIP DOG TRAINING INITIATIVE (NPO reference 085-038)

#### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

## As at 28 February 2021

	Note	2021	2020
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	2	911 176	881 108
Total assets		911 176	881 108
RESERVES AND LIABILITIES			
Reserves			
General reserve		710 500	698 968
Earmarked funds	3	138 672	132 370
		849 172	831 338
Current liabilities			
Accrued expenses		62 004	49 770
		911 176	881 108
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# Detailed Income and Expenditure Account for the Year Ended 28 February 2021

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
TOTAL INCOME	1 237 613	1 416 239
Donor Funding	614 299	788 496
Educational & Charitable Trusts	221 000	360 339
Dogs Trust Worldwide	227 799	323 157
N3TC	165 500	105 000
Corporate Funding	124 990	136 730
Goods in Kind		
Hilton & Merrivale Spar	6 910	25 743
NCT Forestry	0	36 000
R C L Foods	118 080	65 910
Lakato (Pty) Ltd	0	9 077
Individual Donors	384 043	250 534
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Individual supporters	384 043	250 534
Fundraising Campaigns	45 745	172 304
My School, My Village Competition	17 700	12 452
Golf Challenge	0	28 276
Kennel Drives	23 095	56 283
Amber Valley	2 000	4 175
Comedy	0	32 710
Winter Fleecies	0	20 790
Art Exhibition	0	3 000
Other fundraisers	2 950	14 618
Other income	68 536	68 175
Interest received	19 867	30 801
Sundry income	48 669	37 374



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#### **TOTAL EXPENDITURE**

ANIMAL WELFARE	697 917	541 154
Dog School		
Staff Salaries	323 832	275 600
Staff: (Community Assistants)	38 231	41 922
Training: Children's nutritional packs	6 910	27 307
Training Children's Back Packs	1 615	0
Training: Dog Treats	834	2 101
Training: Dog Food	216 755	84 827
Training: Blankets, Bowls, Collars , Leads	31 665	3 883
Training: Equipment	2 285	1 916
Training: Kennels	52 400	64 007
Training: Workshops	0	2 209
Training: Staff development/workshops	2 600	530
Training: Uniforms / Jackets	12 000	4 980
Container	0	9 935
Wire Crates	0	4 060
Winter warmth drive	8 790	17 877

# **Community Outreach**

Veterinary Clinic, Home visits & education

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Staff	76 200	
Sterilisations	32 600	
Veterinary Treatment	33 223	
Survey / Training	8 910	
Running Chains	230	



142 741

60 705

60 726 18 821

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FAMILY SUPPORT	75 860	102 627
Staff	44,607	100 904
Education materials		1 723
Wendy House	31 253	0
GENERAL OPERATING EXPENSES	301,141	248 293
Stationery	9 156	6 521
Bank Charges	10 008	8 754
Insurance	11 916	4 596
Building and Equipment & Maintenance	54 071	42 095
IT and Telecommunications	17 411	38 087
General Office Administration	5 634	9 790
Finance Admin &Accounting Fees	96 865	76 044
Fundraising & Marketing	9 050	12 596
Staff Medical	5 215	4 906
Security	0	928
Trailer	0	5 727
Travel / Vehicles /Transport	81 815	38 249
SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	11 532	318 424

# **CORE DONORS:**

Dogs Trust Worldwide
N3 Toll Concessions
Hilton Quarry SuperSpar
The Do More Foundation
Gabrielle Faickney Charitable Trust
Merrivale SuperSpar
Stretch Foundation
Hills Science Pet Nutrition
Howick Small Animal Clinic
Montego Pet Nutrition
My School My Village
Network for Animals
State Veterinary Dept.

Thank you to all who donate on a regular or once off basis. Without your support, Funda Nenja would not be able to continue the work that we do.

Thank you for all the anonymous financial donations, and donations received from special calls via Facebook for kennels, winter warmth, food parcels, calendars, books, collars and leads, dog food, etc, and all those who leave donated items at collection points.

## **Funda Nenja Action Committee:**

Neil Button - Chairman Glynn Harborth - Treasurer Adrienne Olivier - General Manager Lisa Button - Secretary

## **Funda Nenja Full Committee**

Neil Button
Glynn Harborth
Adrienne Olivier
Lisa Button
Mary Campos
Sarah Pryke
Winnie Sangcosi
Heather Sommerville

## **Funda Nenja Staff membeers:**

Adrienne Olivier
Lisa Button
Nomonde Dlungwane
Zinhle Msimango
Vincent Mncwabe

We would like to say a huge thank you to all our community assistants and also our regular volunteers who assist on Friday afternoons.

#### **Bank Details:**

First National Bank - Howick Acc. No. 6245 8766 197 Branch No. 220 725 Swift: FIRNZAJJ

## **Community Assistants:**

Doreen Zondi Thandeka Zondi Vuyo Lakani Sbonelo Mdletshe Yandiswa Mnguni Luyanda Mbanjwa Goodluck Myelase Winnie Sangcosi Bongani Makhathi Power - Mnikathi Sbusiso Makhaya Sthembele Makebe Jabulile Ndlovu Hlamulo Mkhubeka Mr Nene Izwi Nxumalo Tawa Hwata Simphiwe Ndlovu



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# Funda Nenja Learning with the dog



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