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Why to go: If it's on your bucket list, think about going in February. This isolated group of volcanic islands off Ecuador's shores is one of the few places on Earth where human footprints are kept to a minimum, especially in this month, when the crowds of peak season are gone.

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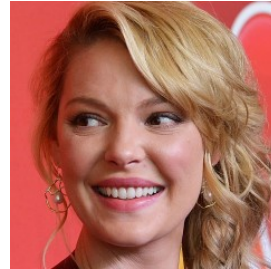
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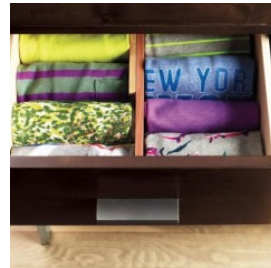
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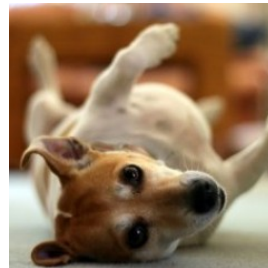
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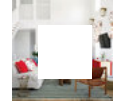
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