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Whitney is a Bay Area native happily transplanted to the Pacific Northwest in 2023 with her husband, three kids and various animals.