

Pawsitively Clean: Foster Home Sanitation Tips

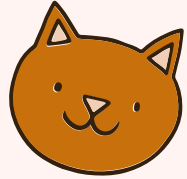
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Themes



Sanitation = Cleaning & Disinfecting



Animal wellbeing is just as important as biosecurity

Most important parts of foster home sanitation:
Where to clean * How to clean * How often to clean

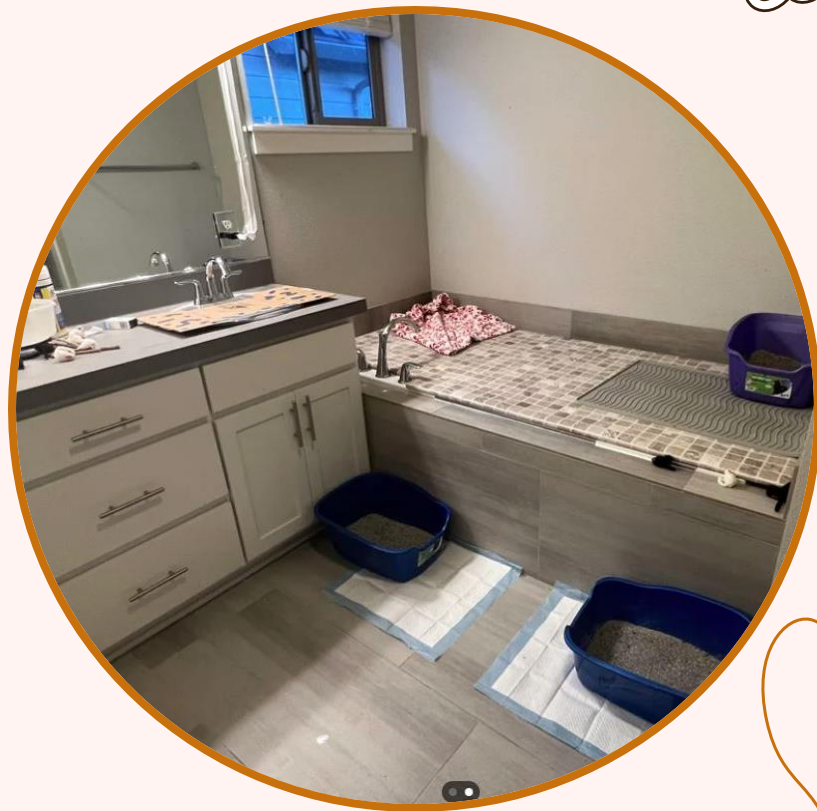
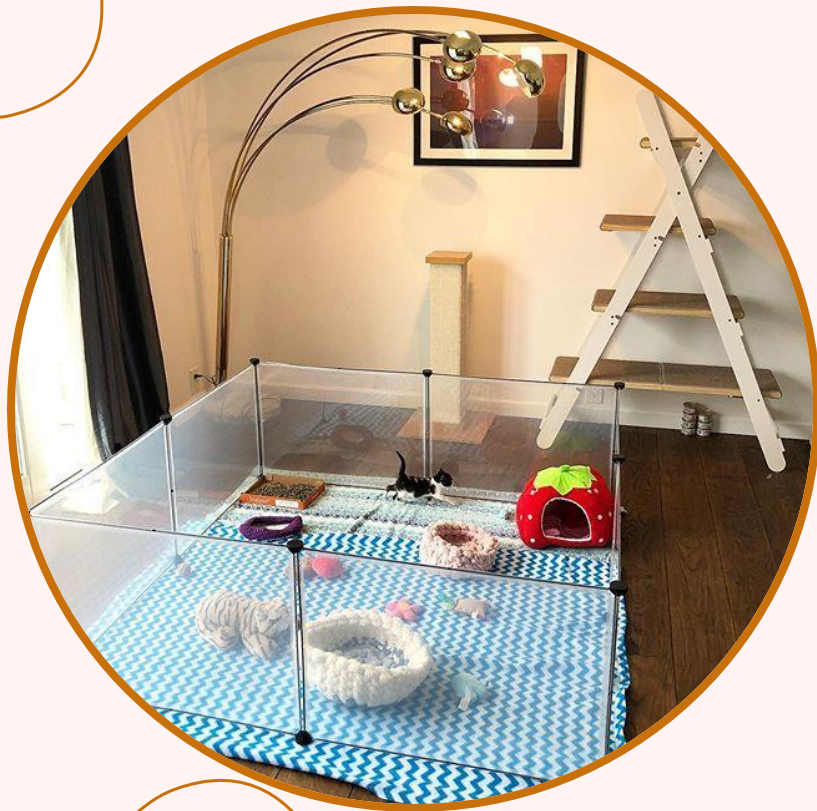


Infectious Diseases & Challenges

Disease	Symptoms	Transmission	Challenges
Parvovirus & Panleukopenia	GI signs – vomiting, diarrhea, death	Fecal-oral, fomites	Very durable Can shed before symptomatic
Calicivirus	Upper respiratory -- (oral ulcers, sneezing, eye infections, nasal discharge), fever, limping	Droplets, fomites	Very durable Stress related Can shed before symptomatic
Ringworm	Skin – alopecia, raised, red spots	Cat to cat, fomites	Zoonotic
Coccidia	GI signs – diarrhea, potential death in poor doers	Fecal-oral, fomites	Very durable

**With the right knowledge, products and set-up,
fosters can safely help sick animals recover faster & save more lives.**

Set Up for Easy Sanitation



Set-Up for Easy Sanitation



Limit to small
area

Isolate from
other pets

Minimal furniture
& carpet

Pet proofed area

Dedicated
supplies

Low human
traffic

Easy to sanitizine
surfaces

Not
cluttered

Avoid grass

Good ventilation



Fomite Transmission

A nonliving object that can
carry infectious organisms on
its surface

A lot of things can be a fomite



Hand Hygiene



Hand Sanitizer

Ineffective against parvo, panleuk, calici, ringworm
Must be at least 60% alcohol-based
Only apply to visibly clean hands



Gloves

Most effective
Handling infectious animals
Handling concentrated disinfectants



Handwashing

Effective if done correctly
When visibly dirty
Contact w/ bodily fluids
Thorough drying

What You Need to Prevent Spread

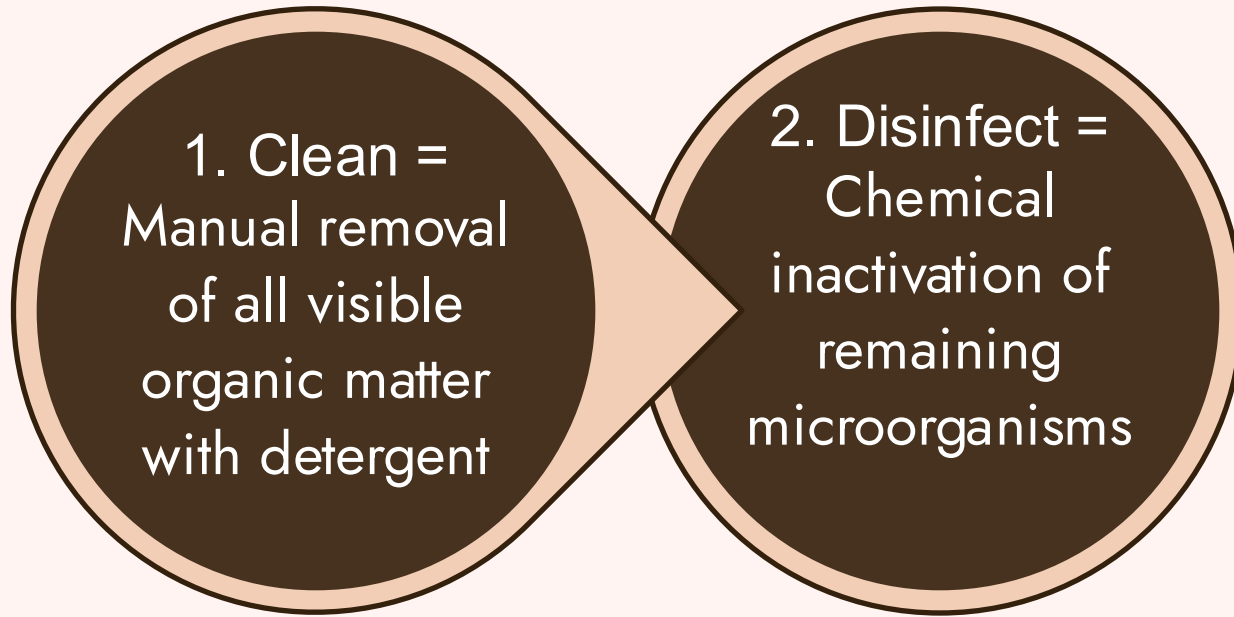


- Gloves
- Dedicated clothing
- Broom and/or vacuum
- Hand broom/dustpan
 - Stain remover
 - Mop
 - Rags
 - Soap
 - Spray bottles
 - Bleach
- Oxivir RTU bottle or wipes

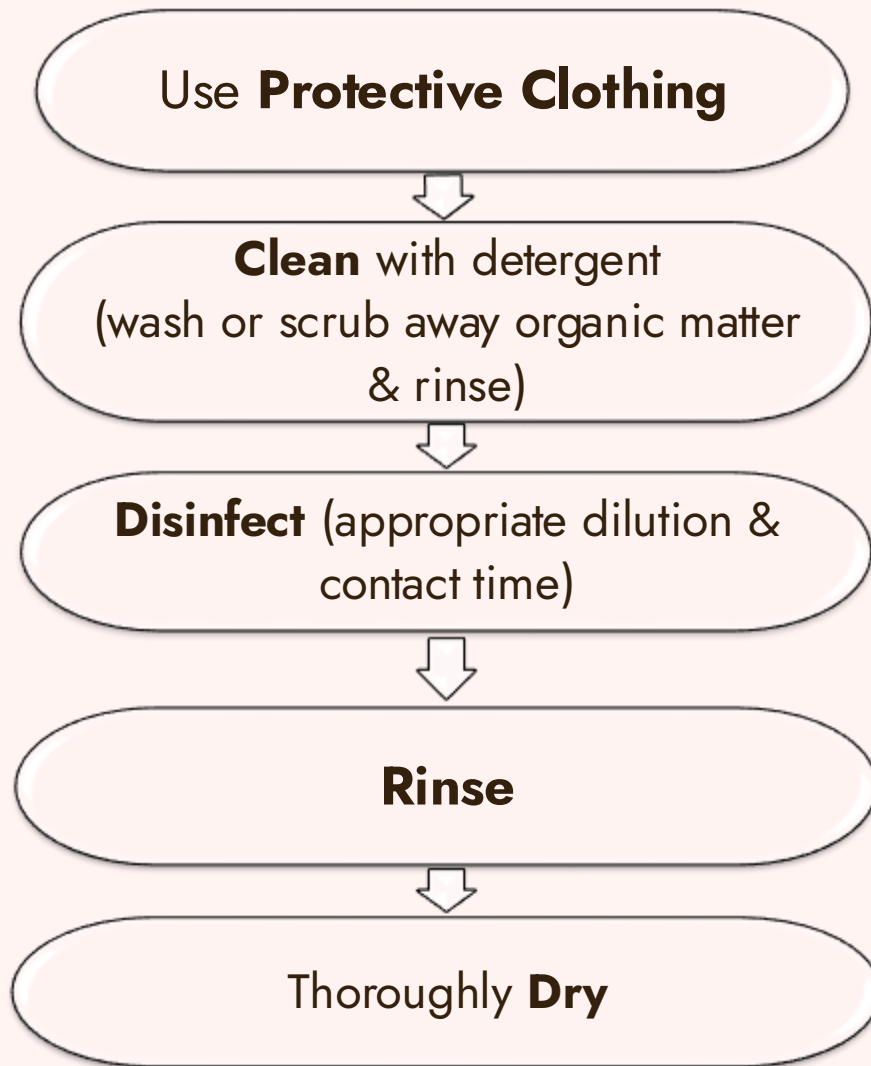


Sanitation = Always a 2-step process

(evening if using the same product for both steps)



The Actual Process



Bleach

Pros

- Cheap & accessible
- Effective against non-enveloped viruses
- Good for laundry

Cons

- No detergent activity; must use a detergent before applying bleach
- Inactivated by organic matter & detergents
- Stability after dilution = 24 hr
- Respiratory irritant



Oxivir

Pros

- Detergent & disinfectant
- Good action against organic matter
- Effective against non-enveloped viruses
- Non-toxic
- Stability after dilution = 90 days

Cons

- Cost
- Must use PPE with concentrate



Virkon

Pros

- Some detergent activity & disinfectant
- Decent action against organic matter
- Effective against non-enveloped viruses
- Non-toxic

Cons

- Cost
- Stability after dilution = 7 days
- Must use PPE w/ powder



Quaternary Ammonium Compounds (F10, Trigene, Safe4)

Pros

- Cost
- Some detergent activity & disinfectant
- Some action against organic matter
- Effective for most things & ringworm

Cons

- Ineffective against non-enveloped viruses
- Can be toxic if diluted incorrectly



Disinfectant Selection

Non-enveloped viruses
(parvo, panleuk, calici)

Oxivir

Virkon

Organic material
(wood, yards, porous
surfaces)

Oxivir

Virkon

Ringworm

Oxivir

Virkon

Quats

Other Respiratory
Diseases

Anything

***Natural products (vinegar, baking soda)
are okay for mild cleaning and
deodorizing but NOT for disinfection**





Safety Measures

- ASPCA list – Harmful Household Products
- Avoid phenols (e.g., Lysol, Phenyle)
- Use at appropriate dilution
- Avoiding spraying
- Limit the number of disinfectants in use
 - Don't mix Oxivir with bleach
 - Don't mix quaternary ammonium with bleach or detergent
- Store effectively & label containers
 - Bleach = light proof container
 - Product, expiration date



How Often to Clean or Sanitize

As needed to immediately clean messes - vomit, diarrhea, nasal discharge

Sanitize at least weekly if all foster pets are healthy

Sanitize at least daily if a foster pet has parvo, panleuk, calici

Clean at least daily if a foster pet has ringworm

Sanitize twice weekly if a foster pet has ringworm

Sanitize after any foster pets leave the household



Laundry

Remove organic debris

Don't overfill washer

Hot water

Can use bleach or color
safe bleach (125mL for avg
washer)

*must use w/ detergent

Or use Oxivir for heavy
contamination (8mL/L
washer capacity)

*no need for extra
detergent

Dry thoroughly

Case Study: Ringworm





Ringworm Transmission



**Direct contact
(infected
cat to cat)**



**Not
environmental
contamination**



Spores: Urban Myths Set Straight

Are not like mold;
do not multiply in
the environment &
aren't "living"

Do not invade
homes; only grow
in actively
growing hairs and
in skin

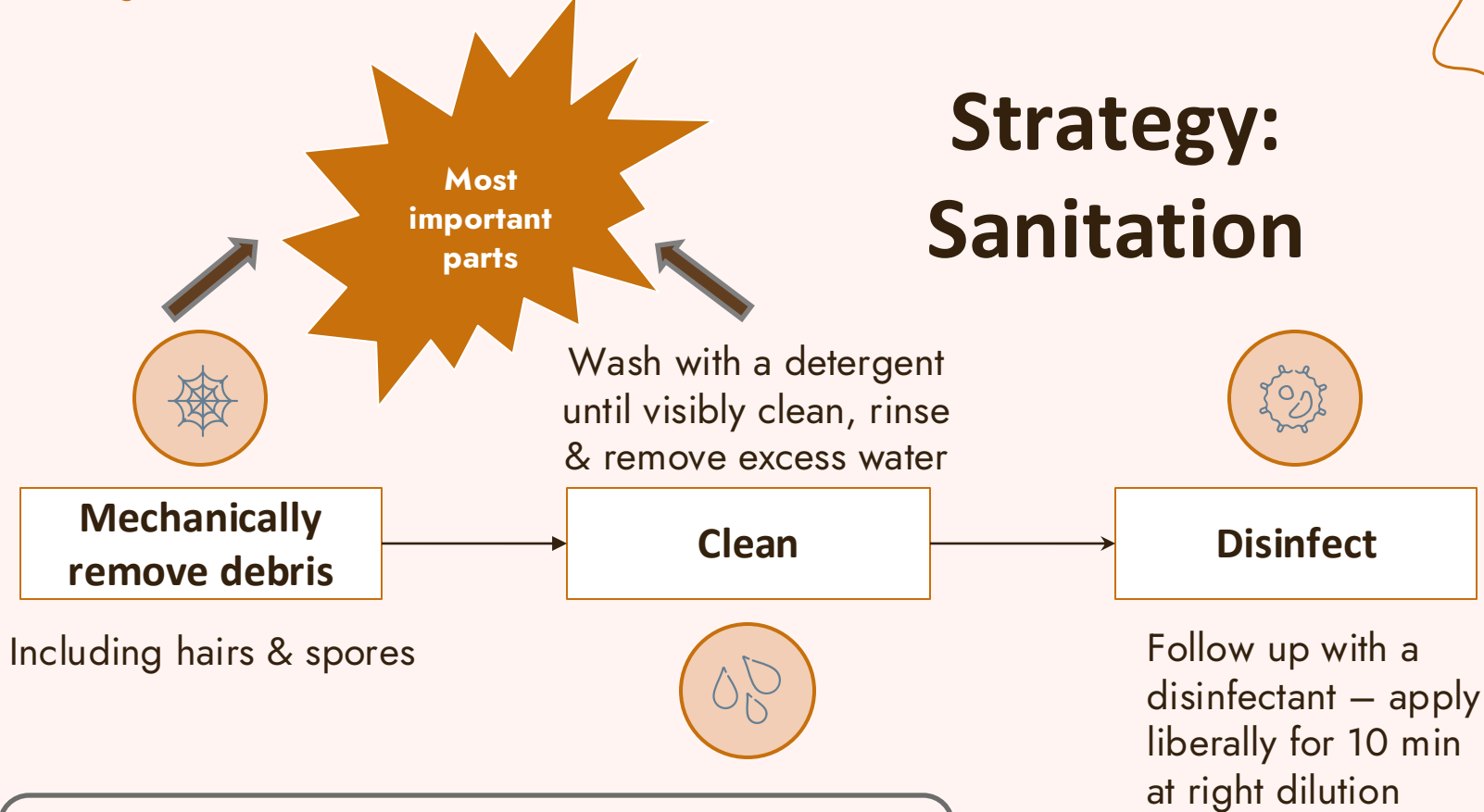
Do not cause
respiratory
disease; if they do
cause disease, it
is on skin

Are present in
many day-to-day
environments



Socialization during treatment is critical!

Strategy: Sanitation



* Many over-the-counter disinfectant products with antifungal label against *Trichophyton mentagrophytes* are effective when the surface is properly prepared.

Strategy: Daily Spot Cleaning

Less stressful

Reduced fomite transmission

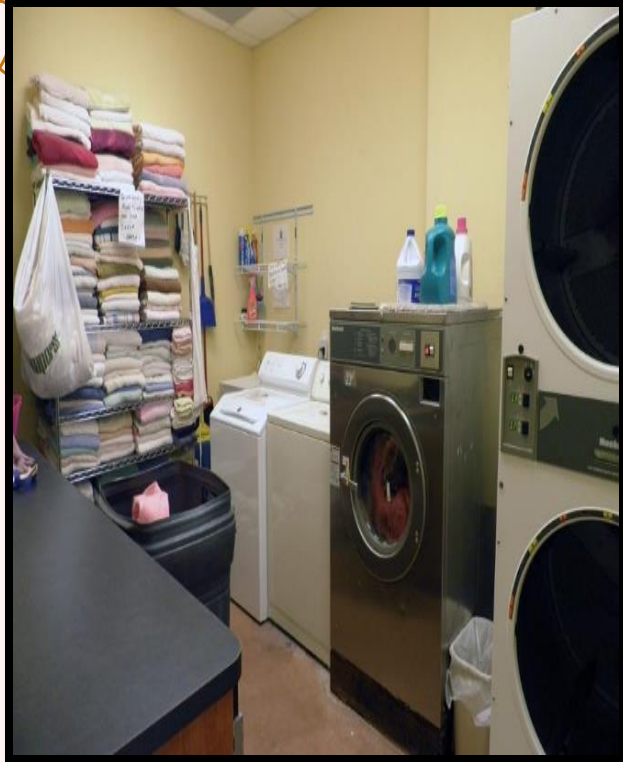
Increased safety & efficiency

Reduced use of irritating disinfectants

Remove hair, vacuum, clean daily



Strategy: Laundry



1. Separate exposed laundry
2. Discard organic matter & debris
3. Don't overload → want maximal agitation
4. Hot water/bleach don't make difference for ringworm but can be used in general
5. 1-2 washes on longest cycle
6. Wash until pet hair not visible
7. Dry thoroughly





Strategy: Floors

- Electrostatic cleaner (Swiffer) or vacuum daily
- Two rounds of carpet shampooing or steam cleaning
- For heavy contamination, can use disinfectant but may discolor carpet



Foster Home Strategy

Designated space

Declutter

Dedicated clothing

Plastic toys

Change bedding daily

If it can be washed, it can be sanitized

Throw away if it can't be sanitized

Remove hair, vacuum & clean daily; twice weekly sanitation

Wrap Up & Resources



Shelter Disinfectant Quick Reference

Disinfectant	Accelerated Hydrogen Peroxide	Potassium Peroxymonosulfate	Quaternary Ammonium Compounds (Quats)	Calcium Hypochlorite	Regular Household Bleach* (Sodium Hypochlorite)
Effective against non-enveloped viruses?	Yes, dilute 1:32	Yes at 1%	Not according to independent published research	Yes	Yes, dilute 1:32 (1/2 cup per gallon)
Effective against ringworm following effective pre-cleaning?	Yes, dilute 1:16	Yes at 2%	Yes, if labeled fungicidal against <i>Trichophyton</i> spp.	Not according to independent published research	Yes, dilute 1:32 (1/2 cup per gallon)
Inactivated by organic material?	Minimal	Slightly; less inactivation than bleach or quats	Mildly inactivated	Yes	Yes
Requires cleaning as separate step?	Some detergent activity, but cleaning beforehand recommended for heavily soiled surfaces	Some detergent activity, but cleaning beforehand recommended for heavily soiled surfaces	Variable detergent activity, requires some cleaning beforehand	No detergent activity, always requires extensive cleaning beforehand	No detergent activity, always requires extensive cleaning beforehand
Stability when diluted	90 days	7 days	Varies	24 hours	24 hours
Recommended contact time	10 minutes for 1:32 dilution 5 minutes for 1:16 dilution	10 minutes	10 minutes	10 minutes	10 minutes
Rinse required?**	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes

* Regular household bleach is most commonly 5.25%, however always check the concentration of the bleach product you are using and prepare dilutions accordingly; use our interactive [Bleach Dilution Calculator](#) for finding the proper bleach to water ratio for disinfecting.

** To remove any residual disinfectant, rinsing housing areas and food/water dishes is always recommended regardless of which product is used.

Oxivir Dilution Chart



Recommended Applications & Dilutions for Animal Housing Facilities

Area	Dilution	Contact Time	Description
Non-Animal Related Hallways and Offices	1:128 (1oz/gal)	3 Minutes	Non-Food Contact Sanitization
Daily care of all Animal Housing Areas and Enclosures	1:64 (2oz/gal)	5 Minutes	*Virucide for all listed viruses except *Canine Parvovirus and *Minute virus of mice
High Risk / Quarantine areas and once / week deep cleaning of all Animal Areas and Enclosures**	1:32 (4oz/gal)	10 Minutes	*Virucide for all listed viruses except *Minute virus of mice
Confirmed Disease / Outbreak Conditions	1:16 (8oz/gal)	5 Minutes	*Virucide for all listed Viruses

** see product label for claims and use directions*

*** perform deep clean prior to a new animal going into any kennel or enclosure*

**** not yet available in all states*



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