

LIFELINE

ACROSS

- 1 Comfy boots from Down Under
- 5 Planes on a screen
- 10 Minor complaint
- 13 Rude kid with a bad attitude
- 14 Raucous blares from your TV or cellphone
- 15 Article in "Le Monde"
- 16 Fill up
- 17 Loathsome
- 19 A very bad (Buckner) or good (Brady) label for an athlete
- 21 What one does vis-à-vis a trade
- 22 Middle Earth vols.
- 23 Fiscally stable, for now
- 25 Make eyes at
- 28 Berate
- 30 "I know! I know! Call on me!"
- 32 Element found 7 places after Lithium (and a hint to this puzzle)
- 33 This org. named Miranda Lambert "Female Artist of the Year" for 2023
- 36 Shocking thing to do to cattle
- 37 The girl who the song is "Für"
- 39 By comparison, it can follow greater or lesser
- 40 Small swallow
- 41 She played Chris's ill-fated girlfriend on "The Sopranos"
- 42 Show to the door
- 44 Ass-backwards
- 46 553, to Cicero
- 47 On-line learning session
- 49 Carrier grounded on the Sabbath
- 51 Pertaining to the hipbone
- 52 Goes silent
- 55 What gives champagne its fizz
- 58 Not ashore
- 60 Non-Rx
- 61 Grand Prix site
- 62 "Bad" cholesterols
- 63 ___ Speedwagon
- 64 Flattering style for a dress or skirt
- 65 When it finds itself against a wall it gets plastered

DOWN

- 1 Initials for a destroyer, cruiser or battleship
- 2 Tiny but annoying problem (that is not 13A)
- 3 Gloomy youth sporting black clothes and eyeliner

The meta answer is a pet.

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- 4 Rebar, for example
- 5 Vision for a drunkard
- 6 Permissive Latvian?
- 7 Fury
- 8 Boats made famous by J.F.K.
- 9 Concorde blueprint
- 10 Ancient Egyptian kingdom once known as Kush
- 11 Coastal feature
- 12 Props for drivers
- 14 What you make when you don't make a dash
- 18 Tons
- 20 Attend
- 23 Available as pales, browns, goldens and gingers
- 24 Ice packs
- 25 Dandies
- 26 Loughlin of "Full House" who tried to stack the deck
- 27 Flapjack heaven
- 29 "Great Brain" of the 40s
- 31 "___ Johnny!"
- 33 Golfer K.J.
- 34 Hawaiian island
- 35 Against
- 38 Marvin and Majors
- 39 Dishes, as a celeb allegedly does in an autobiography
- 41 Stoker's sucker
- 43 Cheese in a scarlet coat
- 44 Let the cat out of the bag
- 45 ___ Curtis, hair care
- 47 Fill with joy
- 48 Kid's name (especially if he has his Poncho with him)
- 50 Glasgow girl
- 51 Dr. Frankenstein's helper
- 52 What 50D might belong to
- 53 Fed. agency of "choice"
- 54 Hide in the forest?
- 56 Air head?
- 57 International health benchmark that's optimally under 25
- 59 Pompeian blanket