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Baby Gopher Tortoise Crosses The Road

If a baby gopher tortoise, about three-inches long, crossed the road and no one took its picture, did the tortoise cross the road? This age-old question asked across the world may never be answered. Nonetheless, one baby gopher tortoise of that small size was noticed crossing a lime rock road recently in the Tri-County Area of Levy, Dixie and Gilchrist counties. The tike of a tortoise was assisted in reaching



what appeared to be his relatively immediate destination that day by a passing journalist who decided the animal stood better odds of survival for the period of time that he would have been exposed to heavy vehicles, if he was moved forward faster than his little tortoise legs would carry him.

'Sometimes, I help the animals get across the road,' the photographer said. 'Sometimes, I don't. For instance, what if I moved the animal closer to some peril other than vehicle operators? In this instance, I bet on the best action being to move the baby tortoise.'

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