

Compassion Beyond Words: The Call for Animal Welfare

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*"A world so big, yet hearts so small,
Do they not deserve a life at all?
With quiet eyes, they beg and wait,
For love, for care, before it's too late."*

Animals, just like humans, are entitled to love, care, and dignity. My experience with animal welfare started not as a deliberate endeavour but as a spontaneous reaction to suffering — feeding stray dogs, rescuing injured animals, and getting them medical care. As time went by, I came to understand that compassion towards animals is not merely about saving them in need but about building a society where they are respected and safeguarded.

The most unforgettable experience was the rescue of a wounded dog that had been struck by a car. Having no one around to assist me, I brought the dog home, washed his wounds, and got him to a doctor. To see him recover and wag his tail once again was an experience of sheer bliss, and it strengthened my conviction that every small act of kindness matters. I have also participated in vaccination campaigns for stray dogs, realizing that disease prevention such as rabies is not only good for animals but also for human society.

*"They wander the streets, cold and bare,
Hoping someone will stop and care.
A little food, a gentle touch,
Is that really asking much?"*

But animal welfare is not just individual acts; it's awareness. Most people are unaware that small things — giving food

and water, promoting sterilization to keep strays in check, or reporting cruelty to animals — can have a tremendous impact. With what I do, I want to inspire others to view animals as not a nuisance but as inhabitants of our world who deserve to live without fear.

As I go on in this journey, I envision a future where the welfare of animals is everyone's concern, and not the sole passion of the few. With every little thing we do, with every little act of love, we draw closer to our goal.

*"Let kindness grow, let voices rise,
To shield the weak, to open eyes.
For in their love, so pure, so true,
Lies a lesson for me and you."*

**Let us all be a voice for the voiceless and
make the world safer for them.**



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