

# I RESCUED A HUMAN TODAY

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*Her eyes met mine as she walked down the corridor peering apprehensively into the kennels.*

*I felt her need instantly and knew I had to help her. I wagged my tail, not too exuberantly, so she wouldn't be afraid.*

*As she stopped at my kennel I blocked her view from a little accident I had in the back of my cage.*

*I didn't want her to know that I hadn't been walked today. Sometimes the shelter keepers get too busy and I didn't want her to think poorly of them.*

*As she read my kennel card I hoped that she wouldn't feel sad about my past. I only have the future to look forward to and want to make a difference in someone's life.*

*She got down on her knees and made little kissy sounds at me. I shoved my shoulder and side of my head up against the bars to comfort her. Gentle fingertips caressed my neck; she was desperate for companionship.*

*A tear fell down her cheek and I raised my paw to assure her that all would be well.*

*Soon my kennel door opened and her smile was so bright that I instantly jumped into her arms.*

*I would promise to keep her safe. I would promise to always be by her side. I would promise to do everything I could to see that radiant smile and sparkle in her eyes. I was so fortunate that she came down my corridor.*

*So many more are out there who haven't walked the corridors. So many more to be saved. At least I could save one.*

*I rescued a human today.*