

## **(No.2) Love is Everywhere**

People seldom share good deeds as they think good deeds are too trivial to be mentioned. People usually only comment on what they think is awful or unacceptable. When people do bad things, others love gossiping about them. However, when people do something good, no one is interested in talking about it. There is an old Chinese saying - "bad news has wings". But where are the wings for those who have done exceptional things?

I feel heartbroken when I see pets being neglected or abandoned. People buy them with the best intention of taking care of them at the beginning. After seeing that it takes a lot of work to care for a pet, people lose interest and abandon them, especially when the animals get sick. It is even worse when people hurt and abuse their pets before abandoning them. When those pets can't be helped, vets have no choice but to end their lives and put them out of their misery. Pets are not sandbags. They have emotions and feelings, just like humans. People love to criticize others who are irresponsible or inhumane. What they don't talk about is the people who take those abandoned pets to a place of safety and give them a happier life.

Last week, my friend told me that he heard about a person who has been keeping more than 100 abandoned cats on her property. He told me her story: 4 years ago, Miss Chan was a volunteer who helped stray cats and brought them to the vet to have sterilization surgeries. She found out that the cats were living in terrible conditions and she felt distressed, because she thought those cats should have a better life. That was the reason why she started taking in the cats that were suitable for adopting. She paid a lot of attention to the cats. She learned how to care for their wounds and how to prepare their meals so that they could eat properly and healthily. She said, "I don't care if I have no money left for myself to eat. I don't even care if people know about me. I just want the cats to live better. That is the least I can do for them". I have been deeply touched by her words.

My friend and I went to Miss Chan's place where she kept the cats. We went in and saw her taking care of the cats with patience and kindness. Just like a mother takes care of her children. Later on, she saw us and greeted us warmly with a smile. We wanted to hear more about her life with her cats. She told us two stories.

One day, a family dropped a cat off at her house. It was hurt and full of sores. Not only was it physically hurt, but also mentally. Miss Chan said the cat looked

disheartened. The cat was afraid of people and it scratched her when she tried to feed it. She didn't give up. Among all the cats, she put the most effort into helping this cat. After a few weeks, it started to follow her. The trust between them was building. Now, it looks healthy and follows her around like a tail. This shows how determined and passionate she is.

On another occasion, Miss Chan saw a cat in the street at 3 a.m. The cat was lying in a pool of blood, its leg was broken. She was heart-broken and she took the cat back to her place without hesitation. She gave the cat some emergency treatment, and took it to a vet the next morning. After a few weeks, she took the cat back to her place. Fortunately, the cat was soon adopted by a family.

We thanked her for sharing her story with us and for being such a selfless and sincere person.

Even though it is not her responsibility to take care of those abandoned cats, she does it without hesitation. More importantly, she does it without expecting anything in return. We need more of these selfless people in this world to make it a better place. We should try to give 'wings' to good deeds instead of bad ones, and celebrate people like Miss Chan.