

# I RESCUED A HUMAN TODAY

By Janine Allen

I rescued a human today. 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 the 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.

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## THE EULOGY

Look not where I was  
For I am not there  
My spirit is free

I am everywhere

In the air that you breathe  
In the sounds that you hear  
Don't cry for me Mom  
My spirit is near

I'll watch for you  
From the other side  
I'll be the one running  
New friends by my side

Smile at my memory  
Remember in your heart  
This isn't the end  
It's a brand new start

By: Carol Kufner

## **Solace**

From the silence of your pain I heard my name  
and on the wings of light I have come  
to see the sadness in your eyes  
that cry without tears

Can you see me, I am here  
I will always be near you  
to calm your shattered heart  
and to make you smile at the memories

Do you feel me, perhaps a soft brush of fur  
You ache to believe it's real  
but you are afraid to hope  
You brush away a strand of hair  
But it was I, whispering.....

I am only here for but a moment  
The silver thread gently quivers  
I will leave behind my love in a dream  
When you awaken, and without really knowing why

Your heart will know at last  
That it is all right, for now  
to say good-bye