

Dear W.C.,

Ten years ago, I lost my mother to cancer after caring for her through her final year. She left me her home, where I still live, and her car, which I still drive. Long before my mother passed, I was in a serious car accident that left me permanently disabled and living on disability. I can't work long hours, either on my feet or on a computer, because the pain and severe headaches become unbearable. I've always been an animal lover, often bringing home pets in need. Eventually, I turned that passion into a small pet rescue. From my home, I raised enough funds to save many animals from being surrendered to shelters, providing veterinary care and finding them loving homes. I did all this from my home that is now desperately in need of several repairs. I have been living without air conditioning, and the summer heat became unbearable, I had to put the air conditioning repair on my credit card for my own and my pet's health. It seems I am falling further behind each week as new expenses arise. My car needs new tires and another repair, but I am unable to afford these right now. I've had to pause my rescue work, and my heart aches for the animals I can't save. Being disabled is not always accepted by all people, but every animal only sees me as a whole person, non-judgmental and loving no matter how I look or feel. Helping these pets has been my greatest joy—much like the joy you must feel when you help people facing hardship. Thank you for reading my letter.

Dear Readers,

Many of us are animal lovers and my family has rescued many wonderful pets over the years. I admired this woman for giving so much of herself to help vulnerable animals.

When I visited her, I found her home in need of several repairs she has mentioned. I could see she had tried to make some fixes herself, but her mobility challenges and sensitivity to sunlight, caused by her past brain injury, made it impossible for her to keep up.

The woman welcomed me in and proudly introduced me to two pets still awaiting pickup from their new adopters. Each one was sweeter than the next. It was obvious this was more than just a hobby, this was her life's work. As we talked, she soon realized it was her turn to be rescued.

Together we reviewed her carefully prepared budget and began creating a plan to get her back on her feet. The plan included the necessary car repairs, new tires, and a permanent fix for her air conditioning. During our conversation I learned she also needed to replace her old heavily used washing machine, an essential tool for continuing her animal rescue work from home. Since her budget was stretched thin due to her air-conditioning repair being placed on her credit card, we would pay off that expense to give her some breathing room. We also would provide gift cards for food, gas and other daily necessities. The woman began to cry tears of relief as the burden of these expenses were lifted off her shoulders one by one. Then there were additional tears of joy as she realized she would soon be able to return to the work that gives her life so much meaning.

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