



I am an Animal Rescuer

My job is to assist God's creatures
I was born with the need to fulfill their needs
I take in new family members without plan, thought, or selection
I have bought dog food with my last dime
I have patted a mangy head with a bare hand
I have hugged someone vicious and afraid
I have fallen in love a thousand times
and I have cried into the fur of a lifeless body

I have Animal Friends and friends
who have animal friends
I don't often use the word "pet"
I notice those lost at the roadside
And my heart aches
I will hand-raise a field mouse
And make friends with a vulture
I know of no creature unworthy of my time

War and Abuse makes me hurt for the world
But a rescue that makes the news
gives me hope for mankind
We are a quiet but determined army
And making a difference every day

There is nothing more necessary than warming an orphan
Nothing more rewarding than saving a life
No higher recognition than watching them thrive
There is no greater joy seeing a baby play
who only days ago was too weak to eat

I am an Animal Rescuer
My work is never done
My home is never quiet
My wallet is always empty
But my heart is always full

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