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Take Care of Us With All Your Heart, Please

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Do you have a pet? Nowadays, a lot of people have pets. But did you know this? Your pet may have been born under abuse. These days, cruelty to animals is a big problem. I want to change the world to a world without animal abuse because I have a dream of being a veterinarian.

First, I want to change our world to a world without animal abuse because it is heartbreaking to see animals suffering from animal experiments. Animals which are used in experiments are usually dogs, cats, rats, chimpanzees, and rabbits. People who love animals may have once felt sorry for experimental animals. Come to think of it, don't we always receive from animals! We get meat, eggs, and bones from every animal. Does it make sense to have received enough and use thankful animals as experimental animals for us? I believe this is not an ethical thing to do. Not using animals for experiments and giving a nice place to live is giving back our thankfulness.

Second, unless they are stray dogs, most pets are forced to breed. Have you ever heard of a 'puppy factory'? A 'puppy factory' is a place where are a lot of dogs and people breed them unnaturally, just to earn money. For example, I have three cats, and one of them is a Persian and the rest are Korean short hair. I bought the Persian in a shop because I didn't know a lot about the 'puppy factory'. However, after I knew about the puppy factory, I promised myself to never buy a cat. So, I began to own a cat, which was abandoned in a park. This was the first time I wanted to be a veterinarian. Before people get a pet, I wish they got a pet from the place where stray dogs live.

For my third reason about changing the world to a world without animal abuse is because people do not know animals' feelings if they get abused. Humans always care for themselves. We never think about animals which are hurt because of us. So, if the world could be changed to a world without animal abuse, animals and people could be all together, no one feeling bad. This is a phrase you could see a lot in a book about animal

care, "We have to make our world a better place where people and animals are fair. " This is true. We have to try to make our world beautiful by loving animals. We have to know animals' feelings by thinking what will I feel if I was an animal who is being abused from my owner.

Do you know this? More than a hundred thousand animals are abandoned from its owner because the animal is sick, old, or it isn't cute. So, let's think before we get a pet. 'Could I take care of this animal until it dies?' Think about this, a lot of times. Then if you think you could, you can have your own, cute pet!