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# Metro Animal Shelter

I wish there was a bunch of good that I could write about the animal shelter in Casper Wyoming. I really do. But instead, I am going to write about the heartbreak. The misery the animals live in. I don't really know exactly who is to blame for the conditions but the way the animals are living is entirely unsanitary and unhealthy.

I have a very soft spot for animals and their innocence. They have no control over what happens to them. They have no control over what is done to them or how they are treated. They don't get a say in what they eat. Where they sleep. How much water they get. How often they get to go outside. They are entirely left to the control and choice of man. We are their home. We are all they have until the day they die. They rely solely on us for every need they have. They put their trust and love in us. We are everything in the world to them. How is it fair to number one let them suffer, but number two, not show them they matter when they are in their most vulnerable moments in their life.

My dream, if it was a possibility, would be to own a free roam animal ranch. I would love to have animals that belong on a ranch like cows and chickens and horses probably pigs too. But then I would want an entire area to take in dogs and possibly even cats. I would make it my goal to get every dog that I could from shelters and bring them to my ranch and give them a home while they waited for someone to give them a forever home. I have a very large plan I could go into on what I would ultimately want to do but that is not the goal of this paper. The goal of this

paper is to draw attention to the animals needing love and care more now than ever in their lives.

There are so many sweet, wonderful animals that are needing homes. Some come off as aggressive, but I fully believe it is a protection mechanism. They have been put in a strange place with a lot of other animals that they don't know. They have been put in a kennel with no space. No bathroom breaks. It smells different and there is no protection. They are scared. They just need a home. Somewhere to feel safe and sound. Someone to love them. These animals could potentially end up being the best companion you have ever experienced. Especially if you have saved them from this horrible scary place.

Isn't it strange that a place housing so many animals has absolutely no information about it? There is nothing about any good it has done. Nothing about its opening. Nothing for good reviews. Nothing that says it is a great place to get an animal from. And that is such a huge let down. It's not the animals' fault that they are there but no one wants to really go support this establishment because of it having such poor, poor conditions. but the sad environment of this place should not deter you from helping out a sweet baby and saving them from their current nightmare. Though it often does. It makes people uncomfortable. It makes your whole-body cringe when you walk in and see such a terrible sight. Many people often opt to go elsewhere. But again, it is not the fault of the animal that put them there.

If you at all are interested in taking on a new pet I highly recommend adopting. Metro is not a pretty place, and you would most definitely need to go straight to the vet and a bath after adoption but saving an animal from this place would absolutely be a godsend for an animal in need of love and a home!

