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Imagine walking through the doors of an animal shelter and hearing the heartbreaking sound of dogs whining with loneliness and hoping for a forever home. Could you also picture cats meowing and praying for somebody to love on them? If I could make one rule regarding animals, my rule would be for people some time in the year to donate ten dollars to their local animal shelter. Even though ten dollars is not a lot to us, it can be life changing for a stray animal. This ten dollars will be used for toys, food, and fun adoption events.

To begin, toys are one thing that makes a dog a dog. Pets are sadly locked up in their own cage and only have food, water, and a bed. They can only see each other through a glass wall, and that is the only thing they have. A toy could give them something to occupy their alone time each other and bring the pets joy. Dogs are very energetic. Toys will calm them down a little, so when people come to adopt the dog they seem calm and sweet.

Next, every pet is just like us, so they need food to survive. Pets at the animal shelter do not get enough food to get completely full. The importance for a dog or cat to get enough food is so they can survive and feel satisfied. Their food costs so much which is one of the reasons why they starve. This $10 would help with the purchase of food for the animals in the shelter.

Lastly, the best part is the money would be able to provide many more adoption events to be able to clear the shelter. Many fun events can help dogs and cats get adopted faster and be in their furever home. The events can show people how these pets need a home and they can play with the dog to get to know the pet more. I know every time I have gone to an event, I am always begging my parents for a dog. It is so heartwarming when I can play and cuddle with the dog. My family has adopted 2 dogs because of an adoption event.

To conclude, each one of these topics explains how my rule of donating ten dollars can benefit the lives of many pets and help clear the shelters!

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