

A Grateful Dog

The story is told of a small dog that was struck by a car. As it lay by the side of the road, a doctor drove by.

He noticed that the dog was still alive, so he stopped his car, picked up the dog, and took him home with him. There, he discovered that the dog had suffered a few minor cuts and abrasions, but was otherwise all right.

He revived the dog, cleaned his wounds, then picked him up to take him to the garage, where he intended to provide a temporary bed for the dog.

As he carried the dog from the house, however, the animal wiggled free from his arms, jumped to the ground, and scampered off.

“What an ungrateful dog,” the doctor said to himself. He was glad the dog had recovered so quickly, but was a little miffed that the dog had shown so little appreciation for his expert, gentle care.

He thought no more about the incident until the next evening, when he heard a scratching at his front door. When he opened the door, he found the little dog he had treated. At its side was another hurt dog.



We are touched by that story, but be encouraged: There is a lesson in it for us. Those who receive a kind touch from you are affected deeply. Even though you may not be the one to see the difference it has made in their lives, or the difference they make in the lives of others as a result, an indelible, positive impression is made.

– Beecher Hunter