

# animal planet

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## RESCUE Is My Favorite Breed

When I say “rescue is my favorite breed” it’s not just animals, but countless human activists who work tirelessly to free all our furry friends worldwide. The journey of my rescue pups Rocky aka Rocky the Rescue and Contessa aka Tessa, tell the tale of a global outpouring of human compassion. Tessa is a precious change-maker in my life as a thriving survivor rescued from a slaughter house in the Korean dog meat trade. As a Korean-born naturalized U.S. citizen, I find appalling shame in the unconscionable appetites of those around the world where cultural superstitions heap atrocities on those least able to protect themselves. I honor people like Nami and Jenny Kim from the organization, Save Korean Dogs, who take a stand against outdated, barbaric practices, and who for their efforts often endure ridicule, abuse and loss for the sake of a greater cause. And, what greater mission could there be than to champion innocence and the rescue and preservation of all God’s creatures?

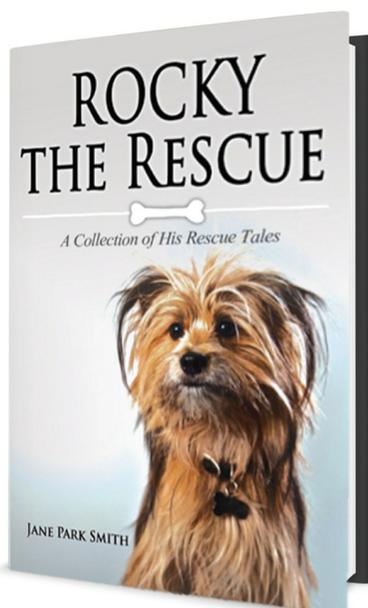
Activists lay down their own needs to fight so others can have a chance at life free from abuse and neglect. My baby girl Tessa and her fellow dog meat farm rescues are proof that people can choose to cherish all living things, and elevate our journey in this world. Hats off to animal rescue activists who worked with the U.S. group Wags and Walks to not only save Tessa, but countless others!

Tessa is now adjusted in her forever home, and with a big brother who was not quite ready for her at first. Our prized fur-kid Rocky Bear Smith is a U.S. rescue saved by Dogs Without Borders, after someone threw his litter in a garbage bag to die. Known as Rocky The Rescue for his on-set work in film and television, and for his book, Rocky The Rescue, he and Tessa have expanded my heart and my husband’s since we became a two-person/two-pup home. Tessa’s exposure to unimaginable atrocity made every slobbery, slurpy greeting with us, unfamiliar humans and, her brother Rocky joyously meaningful. Rocky has grown more generous as the alpha big brother after initially refusing Tessa’s affections. But now he can’t get enough of her high-energy playfulness.

Regardless of the obstacles Tessa faced, whether it be the numerous sicknesses she overcame, or Rocky’s initial stubbornness, she refused to let anything interfere with her happiness in being alive and being with us. My heart melts and tears stream to this day thinking of her fighting spirit. As it turns out, Rocky and Tessa rescued me as much as I rescued them. My desire to support rescue work worldwide is



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on every page in my book, Rocky The Rescue: A Collection of His Rescue Tales. Whether it’s for local outreach, regional support in the wake of hurricanes, or action to dismantle dog meat farms, Rocky The Rescue book funds support animal rescue activists on the front lines. Rocky and Tessa’s story show everyone how opening our hearts can and does change the world. In seeing how Rocky and Tessa became my fur-kids, I am reminded that the sweetest gifts are often unexpected. Please view and share the links below, and explore how you can lend your support to rescuing our most loving and deserving creatures around the world. ■

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