

“Just A Dog”

From time to time, people tell me,
“lighten up, it’s just a dog”, or
“that’s a lot of money for just a dog.”

They don’t understand the distance traveled,
the time spent, or the costs involved for
“just a dog.”

Some of my proudest moments
have come about with “just a dog.”

Many hours have passed
and my only company was “just a dog”,
but I did not once feel slighted.

Some of my saddest moments
have been brought about by
“just a dog”, and in those days of darkness,
the gentle touch of “just a dog” gave me comfort
and reason to overcome the day.

If you, too, think it’s “just a dog”,
then you will probably understand phrases
like “just a friend”, “just a sunrise”, or “just a promise.”

“Just a dog” brings into my life
the very essence of friendship, trust,
and pure unbridled joy.

“Just a dog” brings out the compassion
and patience that make me a better person.

Because of “just a dog”, I will rise early,
take long walks and look longingly to the future.

So for me and folks like me,
it’s not “just a dog” but an embodiment
of all the hopes and dreams of the future,
the fond memories of the past,
and the pure joy of the moment.

“Just a dog” brings out what’s good in me
and diverts my thoughts away from myself
and the worries of the day.

I hope that someday they can understand
that it’s not “just a dog”,
but the thing that gives me humanity
and keeps me from being
“just a man or woman.”

So the next time you hear the phrase “just a dog”,
just smile...
because they “just don’t understand.”



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