



**My name is Namita. I was born in Seremban, Malaysia and lived most of my childhood life in Ipoh, Malaysia.**

**I obtained my medical degree from the University of Western Ontario, Canada in 2003. I then moved to Cleveland, OH and completed Internal Medicine Residency, followed by a fellowship in Nephrology & Hypertension at the Cleveland Clinic. I moved to Bremerton, WA in 2008 and work full time in nephrology. I am manager/partner of Nephrology Associates of Kitsap County, PLLC. I am also the Medical Director of the home dialysis program for the Peninsular Region of Puget Sound Kidney Centers.**

**I have a soft spot for all animals, especially dogs. If you give a dog a chance to love you, I guarantee that you will not find a love as pure and genuine.**

**I fondly remember my childhood in Malaysia and all the doggies I had growing up. I also remember that my dogs were treated with kindness by our neighbors and community. There is a lot of good work being done by nonprofit organizations (NGO's) in Malaysia to rescue, rehabilitate, shelter, neuter and rehome stray dogs in Malaysia. Unfortunately, because of the high stray dog population, there have also been many cases of atrocities against them such as mass shootings, poisonings, brutal "catching" and dumping.**

**They are all gods' creations. They do not deserve to be punished and killed just because of their presence in this world. We must be their voice and treat them as we would like to be treated. We cannot control their population by "wiping them out". This is not only inhumane, its morally wrong, no matter what one's background is or religion one practices.**

**We must bring together all NGOs in Malaysia to unite and join forces with the local and federal councils to work towards procedures to long lasting humane methods of dog population management. (DPM)**

**My dream is to be able to one day proudly say that most of the people of my country of birth and the land that I love, have compassion and humanity towards animals, and treat all of them- even those roaming the streets with empathy.**

**Saving one dog will not change the world, but surely for that one dog, the world will change forever. - Karen Devison**