



Letter to the Editor

The Crimson Laureate's vision: Establishing a Paw Blood Bank for all creatures great and small


At the foothills of the lower Himalayas, where the Ganges runs wide,
 A vision awakens, with science as its own guide.
 For creatures who suffer in silence and pain,
 A blood lifeline shall rise—to heal them and to sustain.
 No longer a dream too distant to see,
 A “Paw Blood Bank” for pets shall be—
 For canines, felines, and feathered friends,
 Where transfusion science and mercy gently blend.
 Gone are the days of random cross match,
 Of guesswork done in a hurried dispatch,
 With known animal blood types and their ABO compatibility charts,
 We wish to honour every pet's life with the kindest of hearts.
 From lambs once used in ancient folklore [1],
 To modern pigs with safe GAL-NAC genes galore,
 Xeno-transfusions have paved the path,
 Albeit animal-to-animal transfusions remains a complex craft.
 ABO-linked, infection screened units of blood,
 Each drop becomes safe, like nature's flood.
 No chaos, no fear, just thoughtful care,
 A gift of life to the silent creatures, in every vial we share.
 From the mountainous Uttarakhand to the rest of the Indian plains,
 Just like the mighty Ganges, may compassion run through every vein.
 With trained technical hands and vigilant eyes,
 One day, we dream, of a dedicated “Paw Blood Bank” to rise and shine.
 Not just a dream, but duty embraced,
 Where every creature is treated with a healing grace.
 A blood haven built in honour of anaemic animals we lost,
 Whose sacrifices we choose not to waste.

This is our prayer, our solemn call,
 For all the creatures great and small [2],
 To build with hope, to heal with grace,
 An animal blood bank—life's sacred place.
 The *Crimson Laureate* Raturi penning it down the memory lane,
 Let us all rise, with a purpose grand,
 Writing not just with ink, but with living hope that flows in every vein,
 To build this “Paw Blood Bank” across the Himalayan North Indian land.

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