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I remember watching a clip of a movie about the refugees, a guy was on the screen, he was welcoming another refugee coming to the shelter, he said "another animal is here, welcome", then the refugee asked him "who are you", he said "I am one of the animals who are living in here". the refugee responded with another question, "why are you an animal!" the guy laughing; ; I am an animal because I still didn't get my resident permit, as soon as I get one I will be human."

Coming to Germany was a life changing for me, especially when it comes to animals, I remember the first time I saw Austin, the dog owned by the family I live with, he was hairy, blond and sniffing me all around, it was so much disgusting for me that I used to take showers daily just to get rid of any trace of him or his existence, I wasn't actually quite happy about that, but had to adopt with it, to learn more about it, so we started to go for walks, which helped me understand him more, as a kid I had never touched an animal or even walked by it. I was slightly changing, more accepting and I became happier whenever I saw Austin with his beautiful attractive eyes, sooner I remembered the movie clip, and I thought; "seriously wouldn't being an animal in Germany better than a human living in dictatorship" ,by looking at the dogs in Germany, I saw that, they are treated away better than a human in the middle east, they have schools, barbers, parks, food, insurance, taxes and they have access to everything that we don't have access to in the middle east for example "clean water." But still that's not what the guy from the clip was implying for, coming to Germany or immigrating still didn't make him a human or gave him his humanity back, he must pass through the machinery that dehumanized him in the first place in order to become a human. What a hypocrisy.

But I also realized how uncomfortable I was when I first lived with Austin and had to adopt to the change that occurred in my life, that also made me think how Germans feel about refugees since some feel that the change was forced upon them, they had to deal with it. I mean they have the right to be uncomfortable at the beginning, but was the fact that Austin is so cute that a person can fall in love with him as soon as he or she gets to know him played a big role in changing my perspective and feelings about dogs and how cute and peaceful they can be. They are not scary, aggressive, terroristic creatures. What if Austin was a bad dog, ( bad refugee) . Would that be any difference! I mean is there any bad dogs in General, or a dog that was raised in a bad environment!. Would I have loved dogs or hated them because of Austin ! Or not!.

The exposure of me as a kid to the animal world, would have made me more acceptance to the animals, I always used to be asked to get away from dogs because they might bite me, the media plays a certain role in implementing the same picture about the refugees as well, that being around them threatens your lives and will cause a certain change in what you believe in and what you were raised upon.

I changed my perspective about animals, I find them cute now and I love walking with Austin in the morning, figuring his animal needs actions and reactions, Do I regret losing my fear towards dogs! Not at

all. Even if Austin was a bad dog, which sometimes he could be, because he is an animal after all, it would have made me figure out more how to manage dealing with bad actions. The same with refugees they are human after all, so don't put the blame on the them for everything? They can be bad and Good. The same on the Germans, they are human after all and adopting with such a massive change needs time and awareness .

In conclusion, having a dog German passport is much better than having a human Yemeni passport. This doesn't mean that dogs should be treated differently but at least when a human who is in need for help, ask for it, he shouldn't be dehumanized first to get it. Taking care of dogs is a part of our humanity but taking care of each other is our duty.