

How Mr John Became A Millionaire

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Mr John, the eldest of eight children lived with his mother and other siblings in a two-bedroom apartment. Mr John's father died when he was eleven years old. Clare, his mother remarried shortly but unfortunately her second husband was killed in a car accident.

Clare, who came from a poor family, was a school dropout. The only jobs she could have obtained were odd jobs such as washing, ironing and cleaning. The meager wages she got from these tasks never amounted to much.

Likewise, Mr John found himself doing odd jobs to help his mother to care for the rest of the family. He did jobs such as weeding people's garden, walking their dogs, and packing groceries at a nearby supermarket. He was a loving, caring and loyal eldest brother and son. He was determined to help raise his brothers and sisters even if it meant sacrificing his education to do so.

One day as Mr John was walking his neighbour's dogs he noticed a woman beating her dog. Mr John tried to persuade her to stop but his efforts were futile. Mr John was quite troubled as he walked home. That night as he laid in bed his thoughts were on the incident with the dog. He thought of a way to help but he could not find any solution. For several days he wondered about the possibility of other dogs being treated in a similar way. He also remembered how badly his relatives treated them while they were growing up.

One night as he rested in bed a brilliant idea came to him. He was so excited that he could hardly wait for the glimpse of dawn. Early that morning he set out to look for stray dogs along the roadside. At the end of the day he found four of them. He kept them in a large cage in the back of the yard. After a few days he realised that feeding them was fast becoming a problem. He then went around the neighbourhood begging for food.

As Mr John fed and worked with the dogs he thought of training the dogs. After many hours of training he decided to sell them to persons who were interested in such dogs. He posted a sign saying "Get Your Well Trained Helpers". It took three months for Mr John to get his first sale. It was not before long that he had to employ one of his brothers to help him in order to keep up with the training

and sale of dogs. By this time Mr John was breeding his own dogs. Soon he became the number one dog breeder and trainer in his town.

After a while Mr John teamed up with a friend who was also interested in dogs and together they formed a small company. They offered their services to the police, airport and private residence. Mr John and his friend also developed an original recipe for dog food. They eventually sold it to a big company but maintained shares in the company.

The company sold the product far and wide. Some of it was exported. He also used the pictures of his dogs on the packages of dog food.

Over time, Mr John invested his money into other areas such as a clinic for animals and a wildlife park in the countryside. Mr John was now not only popular but he became a very wealthy man. In fact, he became a millionaire. He was now able to provide all the support his family needed.