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Homeless Man and his Friends

There was a homeless man in Rio de Janeiro in south Brazil who often sacrificed his own food to feed the stray dogs around him. Once he required an emergency treatment, his kindness came back to him like a **boomerang**, for the faithful dogs he had been feeding made sure he wasn't alone.



The dogs' **incredible** loyalty was witnessed by nurse Cris Mamprim and her colleagues. The homeless man, known as César, arrived at the emergency room of the hospital at about 3 A.M. to seek treatment and **medication** for a disease he was battling with. As it was his first time at the hospital for treatment Mamprim and her colleagues did not know about César's condition or his background.

But not before long, they realised that he had a gang of dogs accompanying him. Four dogs showed up at the entrance of the hospital and were waiting for César. They were worried about their homeless master, who the nurses soon learned had been for some time forgoing his own meals to feed the dogs.