

リュウには生きる権利があるのだから・・・そう思って動物愛護団体に電話しました。色々相談しましたが、里親を探してもらうのが一番だという返事でした。里親になってくれる人がいないし、私も近所の人も飼える環境ではありませんでした。しかし周りの人の協力もあって、アークさんに辿り付きしました。もし引き取ってもらえなかったら、とすごく不安でたまりませんでした。

でもリュウを引き取ってもらえる事になって、私達は心から喜びました。これでリュウはひとりぼっちじゃなくなる。つらい目にあう事もなくなる。そう思うと涙があふれて止まりませんでした。本当に心から感謝しています。ありがとうございました。

田上 恵子



Ryu

I live in front of Ryu's house. It's been 8 years since he came to live with Mr. Omori. When Ryu was a puppy, he was a little furry white ball. Mr. Omori took excellent care of him. Ryu was always walked, fed, brushed, washed, and loved. I was worried when Mr. Omori got Ryu because of memories from my childhood. When I was a little girl, Mr. Omori had five dogs but he didn't look after them. The dogs increased in number until one day, the Hokencho came and took them all away. I still remember those dogs' faces as they were loaded on the truck. However, until his death a year ago, Mr. Omori always carefully looked after Ryu. It was only after his death that the problems started.



Mr. Omori's son took over Ryu's care. He threw away the dog house, and kept Ryu in the hallway. Soon after his father's death, the son quit his job and couldn't pay the rent. He often stayed away for days at a time. Fortunately, there was a hole near the front door and neighbours fed Ryu through it. Sometime after that, the son moved Ryu to the back of the house, where no one could reach him. The son was still gone for long periods of time, sometimes up to a week. All we could do was listen to Ryu's hungry, lonely cries. We had to do something, if this went on Ryu would eventually die. Some of the neighbours and myself went to the landlord to get the key, but he hated dogs and would not give it to us. "Leave it there, so what if the dog dies, it's none of your business", was what he said. That same day, Mr. Omori's ex-wife came by to see Ryu. Even though they had been divorced many years before, she still occasionally came by to check on Ryu. She gave us permission to break the lock and give Ryu food and water, which we did. But the situation for Ryu was still very bad. When she returned, the son's girlfriend treated Ryu terribly. She often hit him and said she wanted to just take him to the hokencho since he was too much trouble.

We contacted some animal welfare groups, and they encouraged us to



RYU リュウ ♂

アークには、毎日の様にたくさんの電話がかかって来ます。そのどれもが、飼い主から見捨てられようとしているつらい話ばかりです。そんな中で、幸運にもアークに保護された動物たちの物語をいくつか御紹介致します。

look for a new home for Ryu, which we had already been doing without any luck. Finally we heard about ARK, and you were our last hope. If ARK hadn't taken Ryu in, I don't know what would have happened to him. I'm so thankful that Ryu's lonely days are over and he has a second chance in life. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Tagami Keiko

ココというネコ

コはアークの裏の山道で、皮肉にも新しいネコ小屋を建設中の作業員に発見された。彼女は箱に入れられており、生後およそ6ヶ月、しかも後脚2本はメチャメチャだった。箱の中には「彼女は、会社の女の人たちにエサをもらっていたノラネコで、車に轢かれた」というようなメモがあった。

急いで東田獣医科へと連れて行くと、先生は全く別の見解だった。レントゲンを撮ると、後脚2本は骨折していて、更に治療した形跡のない古傷まで認められた。しかし、交通事故で通常見られる様な顔の傷や、アザが無い事から、誰かが故意にココの脚を折ったのではないかと先生は語った。

それにも関わらず、ココはとても愛らしく、自分を傷つけた人間から逃げようとはしなかった。きっとそれを見ていた第三者がこのメモを添えて彼女を山に捨てたに違いない。

東田先生はココの脚を針金で固定し、彼女の脚の機能は8割くらいまでは回復するだろうと言ってくれた。

こんな恐ろしい目にあったにも関わらず、ココは相変わらず人懐っこくて、少しも人間を怖がる様子がない。