## ジャパン聴導大トレーニングセンターを訪ねて

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月9日から16日の1週間、長野県にあるジャパン聴導犬 

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TOPICS いました。
この1週間は大変化しか時で、いろいろな所にデモストレーションを行いに行きました。だから、メインはデモストレーションで、トレーニングの様子を見る事は出来ませんでした。しかし、普段でもトレーニッグは毎回15分程しかしないそうです。ジャパン聴導犬協会では、ファン・トレーニング(犬を喜ばす方法)を実施しています。無理に訓練(トレーニング)きせるのではなく、自分からやりたいという気持ちを持たせるのです。そうすることで、長い時間をかける必要もなく、信分程度で充分なのだそうです。 だそうです。

ここの犬たちは、すごく活き活きしていました。人間が好きだし、トレーニングも好き。自分からやりだいという思いが、顔や動きに出ていました。ファン・トレーニングは犬を傷つける事がないので、とでも良い方法だと思いました。ここでは、たとえいたすらをしても、一切、怒ったり怒鳴ったりしません。その代わり、良い事をしたり、上手にトレーニングが出来たら巻かます。いっぱい巻めておげます。1間も ングが出来たら誉めます。いっぱい誉めてあげます。人間も いい事をして、それを誉められたら嬉しいものです。大も一緒なのです。このもり方をいろいろな所で利用して欲しいと 思いました。そうする事によって、犬に対する「力や強さ」 (虐待など) も少しずつ無くなっていくのではないかと思いま

今回は本当にいい勉強になりました。私が考えていた事の 中に、いくつか間違いがありました。その間違いに気付き、 正す事が出来て良かったと思います。

visited the Hearing Dog Assiciation in Nagago Preferrure for one week this summer. I had heard of hearing dogs before (dogs that inform their hearing impaired owners of sounds). But I had never actually seen one. Although I have nothing directly to do with hearing dogs, I felt that there was a lot I could learn from seeing how these dogs were trained, so I took this opportunity to get a learning experience.

The week was very busy, as demonstrations were held in many different locations. I mainly got to observe demonstrations without seeing any actual training. I was told, however, that training sessions lasted no longer than 15 minutes at a stretch. The Hearing Dog Association of Japan uses "fun training" which means they never force the dog in training. Instead they make the dog want to do things on its own. When you do things this way, long periods of training are unnecessary. Fifteen minutes is enough.

The dogs I saw were happy and energetic. They like people and they like their training. It shows in their faces and actions that they like what they're doing. This made me realize how good a method training" is because it does no harm to the dog. Even if the dog was naughty, nobody ever got angry of yelled at it. Instead, whenever it did something good or did its training well, it was praised. Dogs and people are the same in that we both like being praised when we do something good. I felt then that I would like to see this method used in many other areas. By so doing, I wonder whether the use of force against dogs (including ill-treatment) would gradually disappear.

This one week was a great learning experience. I realized that I had many misconceptions and I am thankful to have had the chance to correct them.

Tomo Kitabata

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The Psychological and Physical Benefit of Assistance dogs, Therapy dogs and your dog.

A public lecture by Dr Bruce Fogle to be held on 23rd September. in Matsumoto (Nagano)

Sponsored by Japan Hearing Dogs for Deaf People (JHDDP)

動物行動学の先駆者・Drフォーグル来日講演 犬たちが、日本をもっと元気にする」 セラヒー犬、アシスタンス・ドッグ、愛犬の効用とその普及

Dr Bruce Fogle is a world famous ploneer of the study of the relationship between humans and animals. As an adviser to the Japan Hearing Dogs for Deat People Association, he will talk about the human-animal bond.

JHDDP has asked Dr Shibanal (A ploneer of therapy dogs), Ms Elizabeth Oliver (The Director of ARK) and Moto Arima (A pioneer of Assistance Dogs) as panelists to discuss the latest information and study about the human-animal bond.

Part one will be held for the public.

(13:00-16:30 on 23rd September at Nagano-ken, Matsumoto Kinro Centre )

Part Two will be held for specialists, namely vets, veterinary technicians and so on (17:30–19:30 on 23rd September, at the Hotel Buena Vista in Matsumoto)

