

behavioural problems as with medical ones. In fact Dr. Fogel says he and other vets have become glorified dog trainers. Veterinary courses in Europe and America now include animal behaviour and welfare in their curriculums. Vets have to understand not only basic behaviour but also the differences between different breeds in order to answer client's problems. For example there are 12 different kinds of aggression in dogs and vets have to decide which one they are dealing with in order to treat the problem correctly. The most common reason for euthanasia in dogs under one year old is not disease or injury but behavioural problems. Dr. Fogel himself employs an animal behaviourist at his clinic who advises him on problem animals and which medicines to use.

Another point he emphasized is the importance of early socialization and early learning for both dogs and cats. For a puppy the period between 3 and 12 weeks is the most vital for the formation of the dog. For kittens, the period is shorter, between 3 and 7 weeks.

What is a good vet? From 20 veterinarians who recently applied for a job at his clinic, Dr. Fogel short-listed 4 of

them. All had excellent backgrounds in post-graduate studies and experience in veterinary practice. He requested them to come and work for a day at his clinic. After a day he still couldn't reach a decision so he decided to ask his 9 nurses which one they would choose. They were all unanimous in choosing the same one. He asked them "Why?" "Because he talked to the animals first," was their reply. That is the point. Veterinarians will never be any good unless they relate to animals. In reference to his veterinary nurses, who in the United Kingdom receive the best training in the world, Dr. Fogel says a good nurse is like gold. In fact he pays an experienced nurse more than a newly graduated veterinarian.

TOPICS

During question time the issue of euthanasia was raised. Dr. Fogel said that quality of life was the main factor in his decision on whether or not to euthanize an animal. He said different cultures have different attitudes on this subject but in his view it is the responsibility of veterinarians to relieve pain and suffering and to end a life if there is no hope of recovery, if the animal no longer functions with dignity or if it no longer has any quality of life.

フォークル氏と有馬もとさん (ジャパン聴導犬協会)、小林カツ代さんの本のご案内

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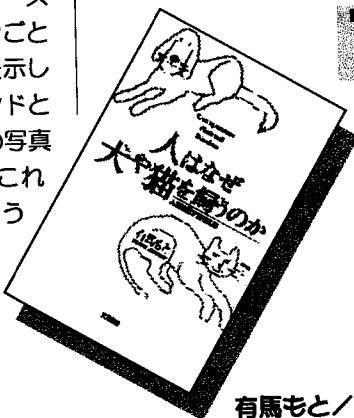
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