

Speaking out

Some confusion has arisen amongst the general public about the connection between ARK and a nearby organization called 'Happy House.' I should like to make the situation clear; there is no connection, nor has there even been one, between ARK and Happy House. ARK's objectives, policy and system are totally different and to make a fair comparison between the two, people should visit both facilities (unannounced) and judge for themselves, rather than listen to innuendoes and rumours.

But one point we cannot ignore; the deliberate lies that supporters of Happy House are spreading about ARK. Some people have mistaken the road to ARK and ended up at Happy House. Instead of being given directions as we do when people are looking for Happy House, they are shocked to be told "don't take your animals to ARK as they will certainly be killed."

If what they say is true and that all the un-rehomeable animals at ARK are quickly killed, then the number of animals at ARK would halve overnight, making our work much lighter. The fact is that about half

our animals have little or no chance of finding a permanent home. They are either too old, or weak, or under permanent veterinary treatment, or are too shy or nervous to live with an ordinary family. Sometimes the right person comes along who is willing to take on one of these animals so of course we are happy for them to be adopted and delighted they have been so lucky to be chosen. But such kind people are few and far between.

We do not hide the fact that we sometimes euthanize animals when we know they are in pain or suffering from an incurable disease like cancer but this decision is not made lightly and only carried out after extensive discussion with the staff caring for that animal and in consultation with the veterinarian treating the case.

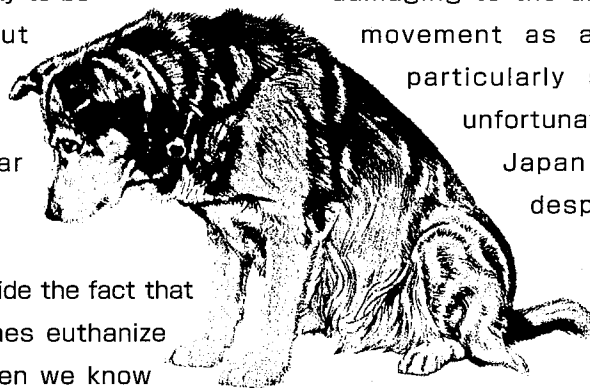
Killing as performed in the gas chambers of the hokensho is both cruel and inhumane and the terrified animals who die this way know fully they are about to die. Euthanization by a qualified veterinarian (who

injects an anaesthetic into the vein, as would be done for all other surgery) is the most peaceful end. The animal simply goes into a deep sleep, never to wake up. It is done in familiar surroundings by compassionate people who care and love it.

Rumours and lies are negative and damaging to the animal welfare movement as a whole and particularly sad for the unfortunate animals of Japan that desperately need all the help they can get.

It is also a waste of our time and energy having to deal with people like this who are constantly undermining and criticizing our activities. If people have their doubts about the way ARK is run, I would invite them to come and stay with us and to see what we do with their own eyes.

Elizabeth Oliver



オリジナルカーステッカー Bumper Sticker

今回は犬をモチーフにカーステッカーを製作いたしました。あなたがステッカーを購入することでARKにいる全ての動物にかかる費用が支えられます。一枚でも多く御注文を頂き一頭でも多くの子が恵みを受けられる様に御支援の程宜しく御願い申し上げます。

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