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We invite readers of our newsletter to write in with their personal views or questions on any subject related to animals and their welfare.

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10年間可愛がってきた愛犬が先日非常に可愛そうな死に方をしました。

9月7日午後、自宅で遊んでいた愛犬が、下校中の小学生数人に紐ごと無理やり引っ張って連れ去られました。どうして解ったかという目撃情報があったからです。

町内、まち中にポスターを貼り、一軒一軒尋ねまわり、朝から夜中まで、あらゆる手段を使って捜しました。

しかし、9月17日夕方人目につく場所で首輪も紐もはずされ、死体となって発見されました。

そこは、毎日捜し歩いた場所です。朝には死体が放置されてなかった場所です。連れ去った小学生数人をわり出し、何処

まで連れていったかを聞くため、その子ども達の町内に住む、その子ども達が通う学校の育友会会長に内容を伝え聞いてもらうようお願いしました。その夜、連絡があり「やっぱり連れ去って、その辺で放した。」ということでした。

しかし、翌日になり、「そんな事はしていない、知らない」と手のひらを返したように電話をかけてこられました。

学校に向向き、その旨を話して校長先生と教頭先生にきちんと話を聞いてもらえるようお願いしました。

しかし、犬ぐらいでと冷たく馬鹿にしたようにあしらわれ、その後何の連絡もありませんでした。

その夜、関係のない育友会の会長の兄と

いう人から電話があり、「学校まで告げ口をして犬ぐらいで おたくら頭がおかしい」と言ってこられました。居なくなった原因が其方にあるのだから、親も子どもも一緒に捜してくれるよう伝えました。しかし、親も居留守を使ったり、先生ともあろう立場の人間が見て見ぬふりで情けないとしか言いようがありません。

結局、この様な虐待死の形で一つの大切な命がこの世から消されました。たかがペットと言う考え方の人も居るけれど、わが子以上に育ててきた私たちにとっ

ては、絶望としか表現できません。

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Our dog, whom we had and loved for ten years, died a miserable death the other day.

On the afternoon of September 7, while he was playing at home, he was forcibly dragged away, lead and all, by a group of children on their way home from school. The reason we know this is that witnesses reported it to us.

We did everything we could to find him, putting up posters all over our neighbourhood and beyond, and going from house to house from morning until late at night. When we found him on the evening of September 17, however, he was dead. We found him in a clearly visible location, missing both his collar and lead. It was a spot we had passed daily in our search for him, and that very morning his body had not been there. During our search, we figured out the identities of the children who had abducted him, and in order to find out where they had taken him, asked the chairman of their school's PTA, who lived in the same neighborhood as the children, to have a talk with them. That night, he called us to say they admitted they had taken him from our house, and that they had abandoned him in the area. However, the next day we received another phone call saying the children now denied anything of the sort, claiming they knew nothing about our dog.

We went to the school and spoke to the headmaster and vice-principal, explaining what had happened and asking them to speak to the children.

However, they seemed to think we were making too great a fuss "just over a dog," and we met with cool derision. They never contacted us.

That night, we received a phone call from the PTA chairman's brother, someone who had nothing to do with any of this. He berated us, saying "you're off your head, going to the school and reporting those kids just over a dog." We told him that the children were responsible for our dog being missing, and that they and their parents should be out searching for him. However, the parents pretended not to be home when we called, while school officials did nothing either in spite of our plea. Everyone involved was heartless beyond belief.

The result was that a living creature was subjected to a cruel death.

For some people, he may have been "just a dog," but we could not have loved him more if he were our own child. I cannot describe how devastated we are by this experience.

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