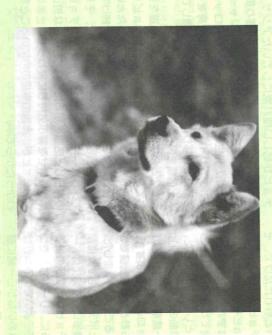
Chobi a life

Chobi died of old age on January 20th 2005. He was Through his dignity and charm he captured the hearts 16 and had never suffered a day's illness in his life.

of the hundreds of people he met. million.

Words cannot a dog in a was truly passing, he all feel in his sadness we express what

の悲しみがどれほど大きいか、言葉には尽せません。チョ たちの心を「とりこ」にしました。彼を失って、私ども チョビは2005年1月20日に天寿をまっとうしまし と魅力を兼ね備えた彼は、生前に出会った何百という人 どこそは、まさしく、めったに出会えない最高の犬でした。 16年間、ただの一日も病に伏せるこ となく。 威厳



Remembering Chobi

in an isolated log cabin alone with Chobi. how I would describe Chobi. One volunteer told me that his dream was to live and most intelligent people usually say the least and listen the most, that's and his gaze was always reassuring. My wife often comments that the wisest was definitely in this group. He gave you his utmost attention when spoken to and faces, but a few dogs began to make indelible impressions and Chobi beginning there were so many dogs that it was difficult to remember names In the summer of '96 I made my first visit to ARK as a volunteer. In the

glance at me. "Sorry pal." "No problem, it's part of the job you know." be trying to hug him at the same time. He would shoot a somewhat resigned remember having telepathic conversations with him as five or six kids would the most hardened skeptics. This was especially true with children. I can room. His friendly, non-threatening manner never ceased to win over even usually attended and was the centre of attention as soon as he entered the that ARK was invited to join. As ARK's designated ambassador, Chobi I spent most of my time with Chobi at festivals, bazaars and other functions

「虹の橋」

地上にいるだれかと親しくしていた動物は、死ぬとその『虹の橋』 天国の一歩手前に、『虹の橋』と呼ばれる場所がある。

動物たちはいっしょになって走ったり遊んだりすることができる。 そこには、 草地や丘がひろがっていて

病気にかかっていたり歳をとったりしていた動物たちは 彼らは暖かく、快適に過ごしている。 過ぎ去りし日の夢の中でのように。 もとどおりの丈夫な体を取り戻す。 傷ついたり不具になったりした動物たちも たっぷりの食べ物と水、 こに来て健康と活力を取り戻し そして日の光に恵まれ、

それぞれにとって特別なだれかが、 あとに残してきただれかがいないのを寂しく感じているのだ 動物たちは幸せに暮らしているけれど、ひとつだけ不満がある。

向ける。 しかし、 動物たちはいっしょに遊んで時を過ごしている。 ついにある日、そのうちの一匹が足を止めて遠くに目を

80000 目はきらきらと輝き、体はたまりかねたように小刻みに震えはじ

突然、彼はみんなから離れて、緑の草地を跳ぶように走っていく。

あなたを見つけたのだ。

心からは一日たりとも消えたことがないその瞳を。 あなたの人生から長いあいだ姿を消していたが、 そして、あなたは信頼にあふれたその瞳をもう一度のぞきこむ あなたの両手は愛する友の頭と体をふたたび愛撫する 喜びのキスがあなたの顔に降りそそぎ、 もはや二度と別れることはない。 とうとう出会えたあなたたちは、 抱き合って再会を喜びあう。

あなたたちはいっしょに『虹の橋』を渡るのだ

member of a family. He is affectionately hugged or touched several times surgical procedure done. "He lives in the house as a loved and valued we got him to be like this as if he had drank some magic elixir or had some People were always in awe of Chobi's good nature. Some would ask how each day, that's all there is to it", would be my response

changed. In the eight years I knew him, I never once heard him growl or snap at a human or non-human animal. Even at the end, he was the picture of we felt while he was here with us. And in time these will be the things that deep, but it could never eclipse the joy, wonder, warmth and genuine love that to be on his way and for us to say good-bye. The sadness and grief we feel although many tears of sorrow were shed, we all knew it was time for Chobi passed peacefully out of our presence and into an everlasting sleep. peace and contentment. Surrounded by loving staff and doggie friends, Chobi As Chobi got older he made fewer appearances but his tranquil nature never

at the rainbow bridge. Good-bye dear friend. You've earned a long, good rest. I'll be looking for you **Jeff Bryant**