

There are always full of abandoned animals at the Rescue Center. Urs and Miyoko at the Center are taking care of them. Constantly they keep about 150 animals there. They are very busy and can not take day off although Saturday is supposed to be off.

The Center started 20 years ago. All the cost of operation has been covered by membership fees and donations. Almost 10,000 dogs and cats are accommodated in a year besides monkey, rabbit, birds and etc. They are not only mongrel but also quite many pedigreed dogs and cats. Only 30 to 40 of them are asked and others have to be put to sleep.(Euthanasia) This sometimes causes misunderstanding.

Mrs. Matsuda said, "Euthanasia is not the best way, however, after they are abandoned, there are possibilities of traffic accident or slaughter. Once you have a pet, you should keep him until he dies. But if you are not available to keep him any more, it is owner's responsibility to give him euthanasia."

Miyoko(Rescue Center) mentioned, "What we are doing here is not the true welfare because we just settle owner's negligence. If nobody abandons animals from tomorrow, all animals here could die a natural death."

There are some conditions when you get an animal from the Center.

1. Keep an animal under the same or better circumstances
2. Give an operation of castration or spay
3. The animal has to be checked by person who belongs to JAWS
4. The above points are in the written contract and should be exchanged.

Jaws Hanshin Branch subsidize ¥3,000 - ¥5,000 for castration or spay. Applicants are not limited to JAWS members.

Any further question about above: Tel (078) 251-3911

In "Asahi Family", February 1, 1991