



Our 30 years of HAI Activities in Japan -Responding to the Changing Needs of the Society-

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Japanese Animal Hospital Association

History and characteristics

The Japanese Animal Hospital Association (JAHA) is a public interest incorporated association authorized by the Cabinet Office, Government of Japan.
To achieve the goal of creating a society, where human-animal interactions enhance the health and welfare of humans, JAHA promotes various public service activities including the CAPP activity. During the , 22,571 times of HAI activities in the past over 30 years:
Number of accident : None Number of allergy problems : None

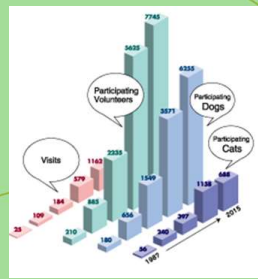


Relationship with IAHAIO

- Joined as a national member of **IAHAIO** in 1994
- JAHA supported IAHAIO Tokyo in 2007.
- Practicing HAI, with scientific background, technique and knowledge, JAHA has been sharing our updated research results and experience until the last conference in IAHAIO NY in 2019.
- Attending in the task force group to update and promote its international guidelines for better HAI

the Number of HAI visits

(May, 1986 to March, 2020) Total data (1986-2020)
Facilities 3,511 Dogs 122,033 Cats 23,685
Visits 22,571 Other 7,676 Volunteers 168,059
Veterinarians 29,775



How to deal with COVID

excerpt from our guidelines for HAI activities

- Check list for conducting face-to-face visits and activities at facilities
- ☑The area must be free of any emergency declarations for Covid 19 by the government ..
- ☑The facility has requested a visit and is ready to accept the program.
- ☑Participating volunteers must have completed two doses of vaccination, where the second dose being administered at least 14 days after the first dose..
- ☑Participating volunteers' body temperature on the morning of activity should be 37.5°C or lower. ..
- ☑ Activities should be conducted with a distance of at least 1 meter between people
- Check more outlines



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Number of activities after restarting: (August 2022):

- AAA, AAE several locations each (nursing homes, primary schools, after school care, etc.)
- Read to Dogs Program 3 locations (libraries)
- while Tsukisoi Dog Support for children has been continued under COVID concern, for the needs for this unique support cannot be postponed.

Recently added and updated terms in the guidelines

We have over 100 pages of published booklet of guidelines each for AAA and AAE
We have updated these below

- The age of animals to attend: from 8 months of age updated to 1 year (formerly younger age was accepted for the purpose of socialization, but the stability of immune and health system should be set in higher priority)
Description for rescued dogs has been added, as "should be trained at home at least 6 months "
- Children (up to 12 years old) who are members of the team must be accompanied by an adult such as a family member and take full responsibility.
Accompanying adults do not handle animals. For 13-18 year old may participate with parental consent. For safety reasons, preschool children should not participate.

New activities

- **Dokusho Support Dogs Program since 2017**
(corresponding requests from librarians and primary educators, arranged from AAE) Read to dogs program is designed for children through the assistance of CAPP dogs.

The gentle dogs are trained to sit quietly next to the child while the child reads.

- **Tsukisoi Dogs since 2020**

(based on Courthouse Facility Dogs in the States, uniquely arranged for Japanese society, coordinated by multi-specialty team collaboration)

JAHA board privately supported Tsukisoi Dogs Committee (originally as Japanese Courthouse Dogs Preparatory Committee) since 2014.

NPO Tsunagg, one of the two child advocacy centers in Japan, offers support with Tsukisoi Dogs (Japanese version of courthouse facility dogs) for abused children. Tsukisoi-Dogs Team supports abused children in the criminal justice system, as well as at clinics and child consultation centers.

Only Japan Service Dog Association (JSDA, the organization for training service dogs and facility dogs) and JAHA are certified and the selected dogs especially for Tsukisoi Dog, get double screened by Tsukisoi Dog Committee with multi-specialty members as lawyer, child physician, child psychiatrists, researcher, PhD in human-animal interaction, child welfare coordinators, dog trainers and veterinarian. A book to introduce the story of this project has just been published in July, 2022 from major publisher in Japan.

Team leaders 80 teams nationwide are registered

- We have meetings at least annually
- They are in charge of managing their own teams in harmony, making reports, encouraging, coordinating events with facilities

Consideration

- Benefits of the Association of Animal Hospitals:
recruiting good partners (animals and owners) and gaining trust concerning health maintenance, behavioral, and veterinary support.
⇒ keep good quality for the activities
⇒ advantageous in collecting samples for research updating for HAI
⇒ social contribution for better life with pet

The appeal of HAI can be advocated to society efficiently

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CAPP Committee, all handlers and animals who have contributed to these activities.

Please go to our short movie for more information...!



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