

# **Japan Animal Welfare Society**

## **Annual Report 2018**

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### Report on the Situation of Activities in Fiscal Year 2018

I send my best regards to all members and supporters of JAWS and would like to show my sincere appreciation for the warm understanding and support regarding our animal welfare activities.

In fiscal year 2018, the subsidization of spaying/neutering operations, one of the core animal welfare activities of JAWS, targeted three prefectures, Oita, Ehime, and Shimane Prefectures, and we subsidized the operation of approximately 1,600 animals. In addition, our “JAWS Stray Cats Campaign” subsidized roughly 200 animals, and in total JAWS subsidized the operation of roughly 4,300 animals totaling those subsidized by other schemes such as our branches.

Also, as a part of our animal rescue activities we have addressed issues such as animal hoarding and animal abuse cases which have increasingly surfaced as problems in recent years. Proactive approaches were taken including filing charges.

We also engaged in educational activities such as the “Shelter Medicine Seminar” that addressed animal care and management issues in animal rescue facilities, the “RSPCA Workshop” and the “Welfare of Zoo Animals,” with lecturers invited from the UK, and the “Workshop for Training Personnel for Disaster Responses” which targeted employees of local authorities. In addition to these, we also held the “Veterinary Forensics Seminar” with the purpose of training veterinarians who can scientifically assess and address animal abuse.

The “Animal Protection Essay Contest” that we hold every year counted its 59<sup>th</sup> year, and we received 2,641 applications from elementary and middle school students. JAWS believes that raising the interest of the young generation in animal welfare activities is a challenge for us and our duty. Thus, we perceive the essay contest as one of the events that we can further

enhance.

Furthermore, in March we held the “Charity Bingo Party,” which we hold every year and many people look forward to. We were blessed with good spring weather on the day of the party and had over 1,000 participants. We hope that everybody was able to relax and enjoy themselves at the event.

The Tokyo Olympics/Paralympics which will be held next year will be an opportunity for us to share our spirit of animal protection and welfare with a wide global audience. The relationship between humans and animals is complicated and diverse with impacts from various cultural and traditional backgrounds of each local community. However, we would like to appreciate the benefits that animals provide us and would like to perceive protecting their quality of life and respecting their lives as a duty of mankind; with such principles in mind, JAWS would like to work further toward “enhancing the welfare of animals” and “achieving coexistence in harmony with animals” in Japan so that our country is on par with the global community.

All activities of JAWS is supported by the membership fee and donations from corporations and individuals who have donated to make a social contribution. We would like to put our utmost effort into continuing to improve the situation of animal welfare in Japan using the funding that everybody has kindly given to the organization. We appreciate your continued understanding and support.

As we wish the best of luck for all, we would like to report the situation of our activities for fiscal year 2018.

Shinichiro Yamashita  
Chairman

## I. ANIMAL WELFARE ACTIVITIES

(Promotion of Spaying and Neutering of Dogs and Cats, etc.)

### 1. Prevention of Cruelty to Animals – Statistics

The number of animal abuse cases exposed by the police as violation of article 44 of the Act on Welfare and Management of Animals in 2018 was 84; this is an increase of 16 cases from the previous year and is a record high since the National Police Agency started collecting data. The number has been increasing every year since 2013, and the reason behind this increase is analyzed as “the increase in the number of reports from citizens due to the rising interest in the general society.”

Another reason behind the rise in the crime clearance rate is the spread of SNS which has led to the facilitation of a third party obtaining evidence for animal abuse via ways such as video clips which in turn has raised the chances of such animal abuse cases surfacing in public. In addition, the increase in the amount of media coverage on animal abuse incidents is showing the high level of interest among citizens.

Among the video clips found on the SNS, there were cases that were inundated with comments and criticized, because owners had kicked and hit their animals claiming that it was a part of disciplining them. Physical punishment of dogs and cats are known to escalate problem behaviors. JAWS believes in the necessity to continue to strive for a society in which the excuse of disciplining would not be used to hide violent behaviors.

Regarding animal hoarding issues, the key to addressing becomes early detection and early intervention; however, these cases tend to last a very long period of time due to the difficulties of communicating with the owners. The authorities do not have the power to intervene and inspect an individual owner, and currently there are no legal systems which allow for such measures as emergency rescue of animals. Under such circumstances, there are cases in which authorities can only provide guidance for improvement and simply observe the situation. And in many cases, these issues surface because of public health issues such as foul odor or from visits by social welfare professions such as social workers. For this reason, collaboration with other departments, for example human services, and other agencies, such as the police, is essential in addressing these cases. In order to do this,

it is important to prepare before the case actually happens.

Last year, JAWS appealed against the decision of Fukui Prefecture Public Prosecutor's Office to dismiss the case on the violation of the Act on Welfare and Management of Animals by a breeder in Fukui Prefecture and made allegations to the Committee for the Inquest of Prosecution. On April 2019, the Committee announced the decision that the non-prosecution was unjustifiable, and the case will be reinvestigated. Per the decision on abuse of the regional Public Prosecutor's Office the Committee has stated that "the prosecutors have concluded that the case is not abuse based on the statement of a public servant veterinarian who has periodically inspected the accused and did not obtain opinions from a third-party veterinarian or information from stakeholders who have witnessed the site, and thus their investigation is not sufficient." Last summer, Nippon Veterinary and Life Science University established a veterinary forensics group (currently a Center) that enables objective decisions on animal abuse based on veterinary medicine, and this group also provides consultations to the public sector including the police and prosecutors. JAWS strongly hopes that the reinvestigation would arrive at a fair decision that uses an expert institution in a neutral position.

The position of perpetrators of reports on animal abuse vary – these cases happen regardless of whether the perpetrators are businesses or individuals. In addition, the victimized animals not only include familiar companion animals such as dogs and cats, but there is also an increasing number of reports on the living environment of animals used for exhibitions.

In early August 2018, Yorkshire Wildlife Park in the UK adopted four brown bears that were kept in the Ainu Museum in Hokkaido; this was a two year project and was the first project of its kind in the private sector. The Museum had received complaints, mainly from foreign visitors, about the poor environment that the bears were kept in. The bears were kept in a small concrete-floor cage where they were unable to express their normal behaviors and were fed leftover school lunches. JAWS had promptly sent a request to the Museum to improve the situation. However, the Museum responded that the facility was going to close at the end of March 2018 and was looking for a place that would adopt the bears; and thus, they requested the assistance of JAWS in finding a new place for them. So, JAWS looked for a zoo that had an appropriate environment within Japan but was unable to find a facility that would actually take on the bears. For this reason, as a result of

discussing with the Museum, the bears were adopted out to Yorkshire Wildlife Park, UK as this has been proposed by Wild Welfare, a group in the UK working on the welfare of animals used for exhibitions. And in the summer of 2018, all of the bears were adopted by Yorkshire Wildlife Park.

In the UK, they had prepared an environment that caters to the physiology, biology, and behaviors of the bears, and JAWS has received reports that they are thriving in their new environment. We believe that this shows that the instincts of these animals make them remember the environment that is suitable for their species even if they are put into an inappropriate environment for a long period of time.

In the UK, this case was covered a lot by the media as a beautiful story. However, we, in Japan, need to reflect on the fact that we were not even able to provide care domestically for these domestic species, the brown bears, and must think about the need for a sanctuary for these large animals used for exhibitions. In addition, JAWS believes that it is essential to educate the public to not keep these wild animals without careful consideration and on appropriate care and management of animals used for exhibitions.

The revised Act on Welfare and Management of Animals is scheduled to pass the National Diet around June 2019, but what JAWS asks for is very simple – “to create a society where there is no animal abuse.” The fact that animals are sentient beings is recognized globally. In the internationally accepted principle of animal welfare, “The Five Freedoms,” the fourth freedom is the “freedom from fear and distress.” However, unfortunately, the current law does not have any mentions on the psychological aspect of animals. Compliance to “The Five Freedoms” is the minimum standard to prevent animal abuse, so the Act needs to encompass all of “The Five Freedoms.”

In order to accomplish a society without abuse, the enforcement of the law by the government is extremely important in addition to the development of laws. It is not too much to say that the government has a large role in supporting animal welfare in Japan. Thus, from this fiscal year JAWS has launched an “Expert Consultation Service for Animal-Related Authorities” where public servants who are involved in animal-related issues can consult experts on veterinary medicine and law when they are having difficulties making a decision on ground. JAWS believes that the continuation of this project would contribute to the effective enforcement of the law.

It is said that “animal welfare is science.” For this reason, JAWS has also established an “academic network” for making scientific and objective decisions on animal abuse. The members of the network include experts in fields such as veterinary forensics, veterinary animal behavior, and public health. We also collaborate and work together with the Veterinary Forensics Center of Nippon Veterinary and Life Science University and other animal-related organizations both domestic and foreign. There are plenty of issues that need to be resolved in Japan, but JAWS feels that the field of animal welfare in Japan is slowly but steadily advancing with better social awareness and stricter views on animal abuse, the establishment of third-party institutions that provide scientific evidence on animal abuse, and so on. JAWS will continue to strive toward further advancement and will be contributing to resolving various issues, one at a time.

According to the national statistics prepared by the Ministry of the Environment in fiscal year 2017, the number of animals impounded and addressed after impoundment have decreased for both dogs and cats. Regarding the number of animals returned or adopted out, the actual number and the total for dogs have decreased; however, the percentages vis-à-vis the number impounded have increased for both. The numbers of animals adopted out include adoptions to places such as animal protection organizations. The state of the welfare of animals cannot be judged just by these numbers. The important factor is the environment for the care of animals within the facilities of the local authorities and animal protection organizations.

<National Statistics of Fiscal Year 2017 (FY 2016)>

(Summary of the statistics of the Ministry of the Environment)

	Number of Animals Impounded		After Impoundment	
	Adult Dogs/Cats	Puppies/Kittens	Returned/Adopted	Destroyed
Dogs	31,953 (34,231)	6,558 (6,944)	29,955 (30,500)	8,362 (10,424)
Cats	21,242 (22,492)	40,895 (50,132)	26,967 (26,886)	34,854 (45,574)
Total	53,195 (56,723)	47,453 (57,076)	56,922 (57,386)	43,216 (55,998)

\*The number of puppies and kittens signifies the number of animals not weaned.

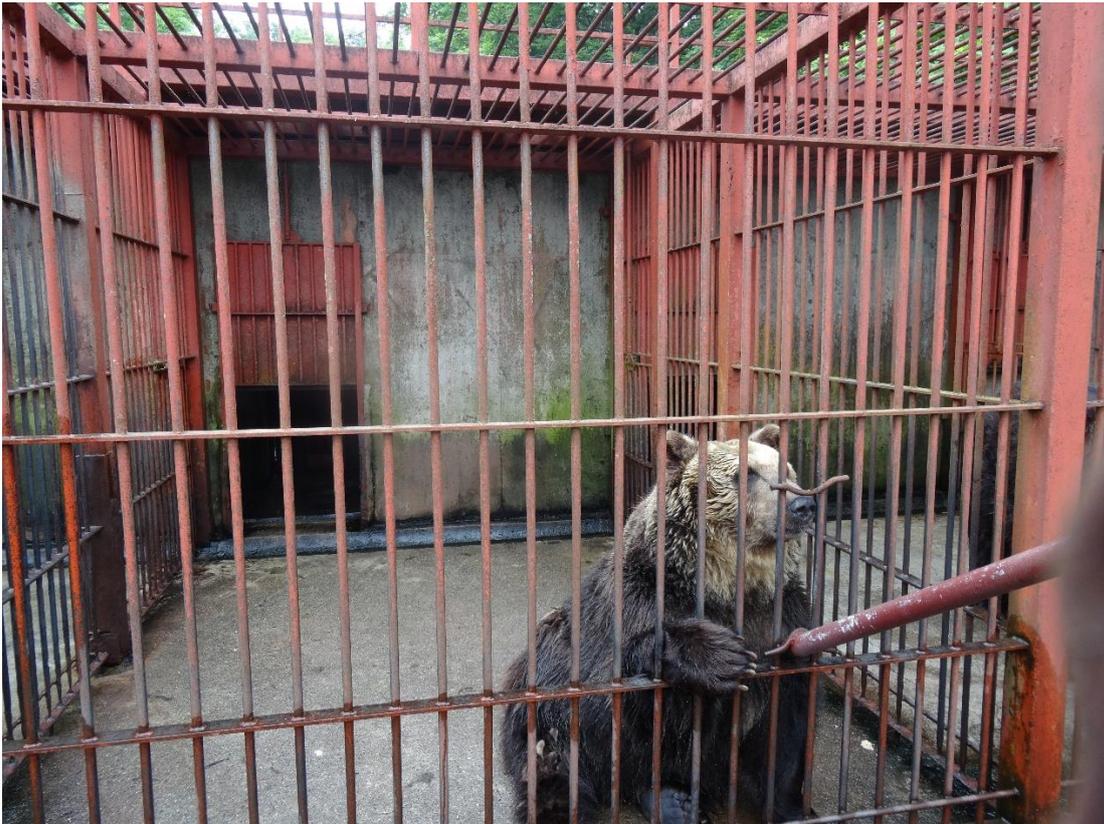
The number of impounded adult animals with unknown owners includes animals seized

under the Rabies Prevention Act.

The number of animals impounded with unknown owners also includes a part of animals impounded based on prefectural/city regulations.

The number of destroyed animals includes natural deaths such as deaths of kittens/puppies during impoundment due to causes such as diseases.

For local authorities that do not distinguish between adult animals and puppies/kittens, the number is included in the adult animals.



▲ Brown bears in the Museum



▲ Brown bears after moving to the UK

## 2. Promotion of Spaying/Neutering of Dogs and Cats

The “Campaign for the Prevention of Abandonment of Cats and Dogs” for fiscal year 2018 targeted three regions for subsidization – Ehime, Oita, and Shimane Prefectures. For each prefecture, 700 male and female animals (dogs and cats) were to be subsidized, and as a result of a discussion with the local veterinary associations, 5,000 JPY was subsidized per animals. In order to make the campaign visible to as many local people as possible, we had the cooperation of newspaper and television companies as well as the webpages and SNS of local organizations in addition to having veterinary associations and the local authorities putting up posters of the campaign. Initially, we accepted applications beginning from September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 to October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018 for a two-month period (first application period); however, after discussions with the local veterinary associations, we extended the application period for another month (second application period), because we were 40% short of applications compared to the number of animals to be subsidized.

As a result, JAWS had many people apply, and taking into account the number of animals actually operated on during the previous years, a total of 2,251 animals, males and females, from the three prefectures were selected. Unfortunately, the number of animals actually operated on is roughly 70% of this number due to reasons such as the health conditions of the animals or not being able to catch the animals in question.

As previous years, we have also received phone calls and letters of appreciation this fiscal year from people who have made use of this campaign. For those who have spayed/neutered the animals by the set deadline, payments were made by the end of March via postal money order. The results of the campaign are in the following chart.

	Number of Animals Chosen (1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> applications)				Number of Animals Spayed/Neutered (1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> applications)			
	Cats		Dogs		Cats		Dogs	
	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males
Ehime Prefecture	335	264	29	37	240	220	23	27

Oita Prefecture	523	318	24	17	338	238	13	13
Shimane Prefecture	392	248	33	31	203	171	26	18
Total	1,250	830	86	85	781	629	62	58

Now in its third year, JAWS also launched the “JAWS Stray Cats Campaign,” targeting members of JAWS for subsidizing a part of the cost for the spaying/neutering of stray cats. Because the campaign is slowly spreading many members from around the country have applied, and thus many animals were able to be operated on. The following chart shows the results of this campaign.

Number of Animals that were Spayed/Neutered		
Number of Female Animals	Number of Male Animals	Total
169	75	244

The “Fukushima University Cat Club” is a club of students at Fukushima University that manages the breeding of stray cats and cares for the one generation of cats that have been spayed/neutered so that stray cats on the campus can coexist in harmony with the students. JAWS had wanted to help this activity and has been subsidizing the spaying/neutering operations of these cats from three years ago. The subsidization will terminate once for now this fiscal year, because 80% of the cats, the number we were aiming for, has been spayed/neutered. It is a lot of work for students to do many things from trapping the stray cats to providing care for them in between their school work, but the club has been very passionate about their activities and has taken on the spirit of the representative even after the person has graduated. They have thanked JAWS for our support.

JAWS has also subsidized spaying/neutering operations via its branches in order to promote spaying/neutering so that the number of cats and dogs that have to lead unfortunate lives could be reduced. The following are the details of the number of animals subsidized.

	Females	Males
Total Number Subsidized by Branches	1,563	1,030
Total Number Subsidized by the HQ*	1,026	774
Total Number Subsidized by Branches and HQ	2,589	1,804

\*Includes JAWS Stray Cats Campaign, the Campaign for the Prevention of Abandonment of Cats and Dogs, support for spaying/neutering provided to stakeholders such as Fukushima University, and CC Kuro

### 3. Activities as a Board Organization of the Japanese Coalition for Animal Welfare

#### ① Activities Related to the Revision of the “Act on Welfare and Management of Animals”

- Launching Symposia

“Considering the Act on Welfare and Management of Animals – Toward a Law that Protects all Animals”

On September 17<sup>th</sup>, JCAW invited three lecturers to launch a study group to move the Law to become one that “truly protects animals” with its scope appropriately covering the protection of non-companion animals (lab animals, farm animals, animals used for exhibitions, etc.). We believe that this was a good opportunity to reconsider how the Law should ideally look like.

“Considering the Act on Welfare and Management of Animals for 2020 – Catching Up with the Foreign Situation”

On December 4<sup>th</sup>, JCAW invited Diet Members and held a symposium at Hall No. 2 of the Lower House Diet Members’ Hall to work to change the Law into that which protects all animals – an appeal that JCAW has been continuously making. Experts on lab animals, farm animals, and animals used for exhibitions spoke about the current situation and issues from their perspectives.

- JCAW created guidelines for the care and management of dogs, cats, and rabbits
- JCAW participated in meetings of the “Diet Member Caucus for Reducing the Euthanasia of Dogs/Cats to Zero” to draft text for the revision of the law.

② Inspections of Ageuma Shinji (a ritual that uses horses), Tado Shrine

On May 4<sup>th</sup>, together with the representative of JCAW, JAWS inspected Ageuma Shinji held at Tado Shrine in Mie Prefecture. In the areas where the horses waited for their turns, the trainers of the horses were stroking them to calm their excitement, and instead of a noisy scene the stakeholders were quietly increasing their fighting spirit while they waited for the festival to begin. The area around the starting point was off limits, so we could not confirm whether or not any abusive actions were taken like it had in the past.

We were told that the main issue, the hill that the horses are supposed to climb over, had been made more gradual than before, but compared to those in obstacle races of horses the hill was still high and the slope steep.

The festival started at 13:00, and six local areas ran two trials; thus, a total of 12 horses participated. Six horses succeeded, but for most other horses the riders fell from them or they lost their speed midway without being able to accelerate.

The international rules (provisions on jumping) provided by the Federation Equestre Internationale (FEI), the international organization for equine competitions, state that the height of obstacles should range from 140 cm to no more than 170 cm (with the exception on competitions in which the horses compete for the height, like the six-bar). From the perspective of international standards that take into account the welfare of the animals, the burden on the horses at this festival is still severe; we are hoping that the stakeholders would consider further improvements.



▲ A scene from the festival



▲ A long passage that the horses run on

#### 4. Activities Regarding Adoptions

<From the Headquarters, Branches, and CC Kuro>

##### ① Looking for New Homes

As with previous years, the Headquarters and the branches helped animals look for new homes.

In fiscal year 2018, five dogs and ten cats from the Headquarters, 17 dogs and 38 cats from CC Kuro, and a total of 190 dogs and 313 cats from various branches found new families. This is a total of 573 animals.

##### A) “Mon Rinoie” (mix-breed, female)

She was rescued at a park where suspected abuse incidents occurred, and she had spent some time at a volunteer foster home. JAWS had been continuously looking for a new home but could not find a good match, and the volunteer family took her in as a permanent family member. JAWS appreciates that the family really showed Mon a lot of love since we first asked them to temporarily board her. She gets pampered by her father, takes a nap when she is full, and it seems like she is leading a relaxing life with the warm family.

◆Comment from the Owner◆

Because she used to roam outdoors, at first she was very wary, was afraid of human hands, sensitive to sounds, and would scatter discharge from her anal gland... It took some time for her to get used to us. A little by little, we played together with toys and took time to communicate; now her favorite spot is on dad's tummy!

When Mon is looking out into the skyscrapers around our house from our balcony, it looks as if she is reminiscing her past when she was running around in a park near the ocean where she was born. At first we took her in temporarily, but we felt sorry about having to change her environment again for the convenience of humans, and this is why we took her in permanently.

B) "Chokota" (miniature dachshund, male)

His ex-owner could no longer keep him for personal reasons, and JAWS was looking for a new home. We thought that it would be difficult to find a new home since he was 10 years old; however, he was able to find a new family much more promptly than expected, because he was calm and well obedience trained.

◆Comment from the Owner◆

A year ago, when the hues of the trees started to turn green, Chokota became a part of our family.

Most animal protection organizations turn down our request to adopt animals due to our father's age. However, JAWS visited us for an interview, judged us based on the environment and our aptitude as pet owners, and let us adopt. He is very friendly but is somewhat "self-centered," because he had been pampered. Dad was quickly dominated by him, and with some struggles, we have steadily built rapport and have now become a tight family.

C) "Chako" (mix-breed, female) and "Fu Hara" (mix-breed, male)

There was a request from the person who rescued them saying that stray cats have given birth to kittens, but the person was unable to keep any more animals in his/her home. Thus, JAWS was helping the person look for new homes for these cats. We had a cooperating veterinary hospital in Tokyo put up a poster of animals put up for adoption, and a person with a large house was able to take in two of them at once.

◆Comment from the Owner◆

Last year, on November 16<sup>th</sup>, we took in two cats from JAWS that were siblings. We named the female “Chako” and the male “Fu.” The first two days, they were hiding behind things, did not take any food and water, and did not come out to use the toilet. We were worried that maybe we wouldn’t be able to keep them. However, to my surprise, now they look for us when they are lonely and use their entire bodies to get our attention. We have two cats that have already been living with us, so now we are a big family. We always have cats in the center of our lives and happiness. They are very sweet and cute.

② CC Kuro

The Kobe City Animal Control Center holds an adoption event every Wednesday and, although once a month, on a Sunday or a Saturday.

Visitors come to see the dogs and cats, and people who want to adopt and have applied and cleared the conditions come to take classes offered on these days that prepare them for adoptions. In the classes we have Kobe City talk about the laws so that those who want to adopt would know what appropriate keeping of pets is before they actually get a pet. We also have a staff from CC Kuro with pet care promoter qualifications speak about veterinary care, the lifecycle of animals, and obedience training.

We communicate to these people the importance of preventing diseases and observing the animals on a daily basis through lectures about diseases. In the lecture on the lifecycle of animals, we talk about characteristics depending on the age of the animals, approaches to prevent problem behaviors, and the care of animals that match their needs. In the lecture on obedience training, we start with why obedience training is necessary and talk about topics such as ways to praise the animals when training and how to teach your dog to sit. We incorporate demonstrations so that the students can actually see what we are talking about.

We have the people taking the classes actually practice making a dog sit using dogs kept by staff members so that they can learn how to control dogs in a gentle manner.

We have received comments especially from those who take the

classes with their children saying that they were glad that they were able to learn how to interact with dogs in an appropriate way.

In addition, this enables us to communicate the personality and the best way to handle the dogs that each person wants to adopt, so this way, owners-to-be can simulate what would happen before they take the animals home.

We engage in these activities hoping that both the owners and animals would be able to live together happily.

A) Ally (female, 6 months old) Mrs. Wallace

It has been a year and a half since my beloved dog passed away, and I thought that I could not go on being sad. I contacted the Animal Control Center in the hopes that I may be able to save a life. Just then, there were three puppies that were rescued, and I took Ally among these dogs. For the first two days, she was nervous, and the corner of the room seemed to be her place, but from the third day she gradually became used to the house. When we gave her a blanket, she had spread the blanket by herself in front of the entrance to my husband's room, and this is where she sleeps. It has been a month since she came to our house, but she is already a member of the family. She is still a bit afraid during walks, but she runs around very energetically. We feel that we need to control her large appetite.

She is very good and always comes to us when we call "Ally." She also goes to the toilet at a designated spot. We feel comfortable, because the staff at the Center has obedience trained her very well.

We have just truly started our lives together. We hope to have fun and live well together!

B) Kaito (mix-breed, male) Mr. Takao

17 years ago, I was informed of the existence of the Center, and after volunteering, in November 2001 I took in a rescued dog estimated to be three years old. I named the dog Gyuta and we had a good time together until he passed away in December 2016.

After that I thought I would never keep an animal, but in April 2018, I met Kaito and felt like we were linked by fate and thus took him in.

At first he was on the corner of the sofa and was very afraid. But

now he loves to be pampered and held, and he is a very loving dog.

He is friendly to other dogs when he goes out for walks!

He is afraid of people, though, and always runs away! He is quite the opposite of Gyuta on all aspects, and we were worried about him being too delicate. However, April 23<sup>rd</sup> was our one year anniversary being together.

Now, he is loved by his neighbors too, and we are relieved to see him run around energetically and having fun.

One thing we were able to realize after taking in Kaito is that dogs too have very different personalities and that it is essential for the owners to understand this point.

We hope to learn from each other and to spend as much time as possible in happiness together.





▲Dogs that have found happy homes

#### 5. Animal ID Promotion Organization (AIPO)

As a part of the National Animal Welfare Promotion Council which consists of three organizations, JAWS has been collaborating with the Japan Veterinary Medical Association and putting its effort into promoting microchips as a member of AIPO.

The identification number registered in the small chip serves as a “name tag,” and this is centrally managed. Thus, when a disaster like an earthquake strikes, this scheme is expected to promptly unite owners and their precious pets in a secure manner. The infrastructure to read the microchips has also been prepared to address any cases of “emergencies”; for example, the local authorities throughout the country have prepared readers that are used to read the information on these chips. When an animal possessed by JAWS is adopted, we always give out the animals with microchips inserted.

## II. EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY

(Animal Protection Essay Contest and Events, etc.)

### 1. The 59<sup>th</sup> Animal Protection Essay Contest

This fiscal year, the essay contest, which has continued for over half a century, received 2,641 applications. With many masterpieces, the judging process was very difficult, but as a result, the winner of the Minister of the Environment Award for elementary school children was Rena Tanaka (6<sup>th</sup> grade, Hyogo Prefecture Aitoku Gakuen Elementary School) who wrote “The Value of Lives,” and the winner of this award for middle school children was Ema Nagahara (9<sup>th</sup> grade Kanagawa Prefecture Seisen Junior High School) who wrote “Eating Lives, Living Lives.” The winners of the awards read out their pieces during the commendation ceremony. Other than these awards, the “Showakaikan Award” and “JAWS UK Award” were also given out, and 14 elementary school students and 14 middle school students – a total of 28 children – won awards. The commendation ceremony was held on November 18<sup>th</sup> at the Sunflower Hall of Tokyo Prince Hotel. The winners of the award and their families – roughly 90 people – judges, guests, and Ms. Hopkins, a board member of our affiliate, JAWS UK, attended the ceremony which was carried out in a solemn but a relaxing atmosphere. Unfortunately, H.I.H. Princess Hitachi was unable to attend, but she had sent gifts to the winners of the awards, and the ceremony became a very memorable one for the winners as well as their families. The winners read their pieces during the tea party which was held after the ceremony, and the event was a joyful one full of smiles.

### 2. The Main Event of the Be Kind to Animals Week

This year the indoor part of the main event, which is held every year, was held on September 15<sup>th</sup> at the Taito Ward Lifelong Learning Center, and the outdoor event was held on September 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Shinobazu Pond of the Ueno Onshi Park. The theme for this year was “Do You Know the Act on Welfare and Management of Animals?” For the indoor event, JAWS had our advisor, Dr. Yamaguchi, serve as a keynote speaker and also had her participate in the panel discussion where active discussions and exchange of opinions took place. For the indoor event, JAWS was in

charge of the face painting booth which was very popular last year. Children lined up with expectant looks and sparkling eyes and cheered in joy as they saw the finished painting.



▲ Animal Welfare Declaration made by Vice Chairman Mr. Yasuda

### 3. JAWS REPORT

This year, JAWS issued two reports – no. 83 and no. 84. In addition to the general activities of JAWS, the reports covered collaborative efforts with JAWS UK – projects covered were the charges against the animal handling business in Fukui Prefecture that kept their animals in an appalling condition and the rehoming project of the brown bears kept in a museum in Hokkaido that were moved to the UK. The reports were sent to members of JAWS as well as local authorities, veterinary associations, and other relevant organizations.

### 4. Workshops, Lectures, Interviews, etc.

#### ① Workshops

##### A) Veterinary Forensics Seminar

The basic level, which counted its third time, was held on June 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, and the first application level seminar was held at Nippon

Veterinary and Life Science University on October 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. The application level targets those who have already taken the basic level and consists of group discussions on how to address these issues in real practice as well as a lecture on past animal abuse incidents and legal interpretations related to animal abuse by an invited speaker, Ms. Akiko Asano, a lawyer.



## B) Workshop for Training Disaster Response Personnel

As previous years, JAWS held a series of these workshops targeting public servant veterinarians to enable a constant cross-prefectural support from trained personnel under good command among different local authorities during cases of disasters.

This year, the basic level was held not only in Tokyo (June) but also in Osaka (July). The application level was held in Tokyo in December targeting those who have already taken the basic level.

The series of workshops started in 2016, and as of this year, we have 103 individuals who have taken the basic level and 40 who have taken the application level.

### C) Shelter Medicine Seminar

JAWS has held a total of four seminars in two years. The first part of the seminar and the second part of the seminar were held in July and December, respectively. Other than an overview of shelter medicine and veterinary animal behavior, we had Mr. Ishimori, a community cat advisor, and Dr. Yamamoto from Mie Prefecture Animal Welfare Promotion Center “Asumairu” speak about their activities which was a great success.

### D) Zoo Animal Welfare

Continuing from the previous fiscal year, we invited Ms. Georgina Allen, an animal scientist, from Wild Welfare, UK, in July and held this workshop. This year, in addition to an overview on animal welfare, we had a lecture on the care and management that caters to the biology and behavior of chimpanzees and Asian elephants – species that are also popular in Japan.

### E) RSPCA Seminar on the Basics of Animal Welfare

As previous years, JAWS invited a lecturer from the oldest animal welfare organization in the world, the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, and had a lecture on basics of animal welfare, cases of animal abuse, and the situation of farm animal welfare in the UK.



## ② Lectures

JAWS held several seminars on the basics of animal welfare targeting students such as middle school students and high school students. Recently, there has been an increase of middle school and high school students who visit JAWS as a part of their extracurricular activities or school trips.

JAWS also spoke about animal welfare, animal abuse, and examples of cases in events hosted by Nagano Branch of JAWS and other animal welfare/protection organizations.

## ③ Interviews

As with previous years, JAWS accepted requests for interviews from stakeholders such as television companies, newspaper companies, and magazine publishers on topics such as animal hoarding and cases of animal abuse.

## ④ Councils and Committees of Local Authorities

Staff from the Headquarters of JAWS served as a member of the Tokyo Metropolitan Government Animal Welfare and Management Council and its subcommittee, and Dr. Yamaguchi, an advisor of JAWS, served in various councils such as the Sendai City Animal Welfare Council. In addition, members of JAWS have been appointed as animal welfare promoters by local authorities of their own local communities and have been working to promote animal welfare.

## 5. Telephone Inquiries

Recently, there is an increase in the number of animal protection organizations, perhaps due to the heightening awareness on animals, and there is abundant information on places such as SNS platforms. Because of such factors, JAWS feels that the amount of telephone inquiries we receive has declined compared to previous years.

Even so, JAWS still receives a variety of telephone inquiries on animals from animal abuse to pet related troubles. Among the variety of topics JAWS has received there were quite a few inquiries on cases where “ownership rights of animals have become barriers” in putting animals up for adoptions in cases such as neglect, animal hoarding, or the

disappearance of the owner leading to the abandonment of animals.

Despite the fact that animals are defined as “living beings” as a fundamental principle of the Act on Welfare and Management of Animals, in Japan, pets are currently included in “movable assets” as a tangible object under articles 85 and 86 of the Civil Law; thus, they are treated as objects. Currently, “ownership rights” are very strong in Japan and animal welfare stakeholders working on ground have the risk of violating laws in order to save the lives of animals.

JAWS believes that legal measure such as emergency rescue and orders banning pet keeping are necessary to resolve this situation.

### III. FUNDRAISING

#### 1. Design Cards and Picture Books Translated by H.I.H. Princess Hitachi

There are two books that H.I.H. Princess Hitachi translated that are available – *It was Jake* and *Dot the Fire Dog*. The cards designed by H.I.H. Princess Hitachi continue to be very popular. JAWS sells and advertises these products at places such as events and bazaars. H.I.H. Princess Hitachi kindly donates the amount that is raised by these products as well as their royalties which boosts the image of the animal welfare activities of JAWS.

#### 2. Charity Bingo Party

On March 18<sup>th</sup>, on a day with beautiful spring weather, the Charity Bingo Party which is held every year was held at the Phoenix Hall of Tokyo Prince Hotel. Unfortunately, H.I.H. Princess Hitachi was unable to attend, but she kindly donated door prizes. Many supporting companies and individuals also donated prizes. With the great amount of prizes in front of them, the guests had fun till the very last moment of the event, swinging from joy to sorrow. JAWS would not have been able to hold this Bingo Party without the support of sponsor companies and individuals as well as volunteers who helped us with the backend work and at booths. JAWS would like to show its sincere appreciation to these supporters.



▲ Opening address made by Vice Chairman Mr. Yasuda

### 3. Sales of Original Products

Our classic t-shirts and polo-shirts are very popular, and together with our new products, the pass-case and rolls of sticky-notes, they have contributed to the sales of JAWS original products. In addition, the animal calendar receives applications mainly from a group of set supporters who request to have the photographs of their precious pets on the product, and there has been an increase in the number of new customers who have put the photographs of their animals on the calendar. JAWS would like to continue to put its effort into the printing of these original animal calendars which we perceive as a product that represents JAWS.

### 4. Regarding Compact Donation Boxes

JAWS has available ready-to-assemble donation boxes that are one size smaller compared to the ones we already have. The box can be conveniently sent via the postal service, so we would appreciate it if stakeholders could use these to support our cause.

#### IV. MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT

This fiscal year too, the steady recruitment of individual members ended up in success, and we had 310 new members and 212 members who withdrew. This resulted in a net increase of 98 members and a total of 2,826 individual members as of the end of March. Officials of JAWS will continue to put their efforts into membership recruitment, but JAWS would appreciate it if members could also encourage their acquaintances who are understanding about animal welfare to join JAWS. We appreciate the help of everyone.

The following chart outlines the number of members as of the end of fiscal year 2018 (March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019).

Honorary Members	1
Corporate Members	29
Life Members	150
Sustaining Members	246
Associate Members	2,405
Junior Members	24
Total	2,855
(Total of individuals)	2,826

## V. OFFICE REPORT

### 1. Annual General Assembly

The annual general assembly for fiscal year 2018 was held on June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019 from 13:30 at Standard Conference Room located in Higashigotanda. The first agenda was “The Approval of the Financial Documents for Fiscal Year 2018” and the second agenda was “The Termination of Branches, etc.” All agendas were approved and passed. Following this, “The Reports of Activities for Fiscal Year 2018,” “The Plan of Activities for Fiscal Year 2019,” and “The Budget for Fiscal Year 2019” were presented, and the assembly closed at 14:30. Two individuals who have supported the activities of JAWS for a long time were awarded the annual award, and certificates of appreciation and commemorative gifts were presented.

## VI. REPORTS FROM OUR BRANCHES

(Looking for New Homes for Animals, Providing Subsidies for Spaying/Neutering, etc.)

- There are currently six branches that are active.
- JAWS UK also follows the activities of these branches and regards them highly. JAWS UK proactively cooperates with and supports the activities of these branches.
- Each of the six branches work to provide consultation on the care and management of animals, look for new homes for animals, and promote spaying/neutering while tackling issues that are unique to their communities. The following is a report on their situations.
- The termination of Hokkaido Branch, Tokushima Branch, and Mie Liaison Office that have been in recess has been decided as this was approved during the annual general assembly held on June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

### 1. Network of JAWS Branches

#### ① South Osaka Branch

Chizu Yamautsuri, Head of Branch

#### ② Nagano Branch

Sumiko Tokuma, Head of Branch

#### ③ Tochigi Branch

Akiko Kawasaki, Head of Branch

#### ④ New Tokyo Branch

Rumi Inoue, Head of Branch

#### ⑤ Sagami Branch

Hirofumi Sato, Head of Branch

#### ⑥ Yokohama Branch

Tetsuo Hyodo, Head of Branch

## 2. Tochigi Branch

### ◎ Event to Provide Consultation Regarding Cats at Utsunomiya City Public Health Center

The vice-head of the branch and a veterinarian, Dr. Asako Sato, is invited as a lecturer to an event to provide consultation regarding cats held at Utsunomiya City Public Health Center every March. At the event, she addresses inquiries from the public.

### ◎ Number of Spaying/Neutering Operations is Increasing!

We are promoting spaying/neutering as well as measures for community cats. We proactively use the subsidies provided by the Headquarters for cats without owners and dogs/cats rescued by our members as well as for the education of those who provide inappropriate care to their animals. With the expansion of the activities of our members, the number of applications is increasing every year.

### ◎ Adopting Animals as an Organization

Tochigi Branch is an organization registered with Tochigi Prefecture Animal Welfare Consultation Center and Utsunomiya City Public Health Center as an organization that can adopt animals from these authorities to further look for new homes for them and is actively involved in promoting the adoption of dogs and cats that would otherwise be put down. For putting these animals up for adoptions, other organizations outside the prefecture and individual supporters have cooperated extensively in addition to the support of the Headquarters and individuals and corporations who support the Headquarters that enable us to cover the food and veterinary bills. We deeply appreciate the compassion and support of everybody!

### ◎ The Animal Hoarding Case in Utsunomiya City

The case has surfaced as an issue several years ago, and this year, there was a sudden increase in the number of complaints and inquiries to the Branch regarding this site with close to 130 dogs. We collaborated with the Utsunomiya City Public Health Center to convince the owner, made a request to Nagano Branch to participate in their adoption events, and performed spaying/neutering operations with the support of the

Headquarters; we were able to reduce the number of dogs to approximately 80.

A noteworthy point among these activities is that we were able to start spaying/neutering these dogs with the initiative of Utsunomiya Public Health Center. Veterinarians of Utsunomiya City Veterinary Association cooperated and the Headquarters supported the effort.

Although the Headquarters of JAWS is bearing the costs of the operation, this is probably the first time that such approach was taken in resolving the issue, and we believe that this case became a meaningful precedent in resolving these issues in a public-private partnership.

With the support from the Headquarters, 80% of the females have been spayed. Also, the situation in which the dogs have been starving on a daily basis has been improved with the intervention of volunteers. However, ownership rights is a big barrier to what to do with spaying/neutering of the dogs that the owner with an animal-hoarding tendency insists on keeping and how to fundamentally resolve the situation in which dogs that have fought with each other or those with diseases have been left without veterinary care.

Stakeholders need to continue to request the inclusion of orders to ban pet keeping and emergency rescue measures in the revised law. The site is a case of neglect as well as a violation of the Rabies Prevention Act, and taking into account the fact that this is becoming an issue to the entire local community, it is time for us to appeal to Tochigi Prefecture to take strong measures such as issuing warnings and orders.

#### ◎ A Base in Nasu Established!

We now have a base in Nasu that we have been planning for a while which will serve as a base for our rescue activities and other events.

The winter season came and we needed to remove water as we were constructing the facility, but we will put efforts into maintaining and managing the facility and will open the place from this fiscal year.

This is a small facility, but we can care for animals here as well as hold events such as adoption events. The place can also be used as a base in case of emergencies and disasters, and it is great to have a facility like this.

This would not have happened without the support of those who

donated, including the Headquarters, and we appreciate all of the support!



1) Number of Animals Subsidized for Spaying/Neutering Operations (total number of dogs/cats = 238)

Dogs	Males	7	Cats	Males	104
	Females	8		Females	119
Total Number of Dogs		15	Total Number of Cats		223

2) Number of Dogs and Cats that were Adopted (total number of dogs/cats = 77)

Dogs	Males	5	Cats	Males	37
	Females	11		Females	24
Total Number of Dogs		16	Total Number of Cats		61

(Akiko Kawasaki, Head of Branch)

### 3. New Tokyo Branch

One day in October, surprisingly, kittens were found strewn on the road. When rescued, it became clear that these four kittens were only two to three days old with the naval chords still on them, and they were emaciated. Luckily, the person who picked them up was a veterinarian! The bodies of the kittens were cold, and they did not have enough strength to suck the milk when fed in a feeding bottle. They were only able to drink a little bit of milk and only weighed 80 grams – this is roughly the same weight as a hamster. The kittens were placed in a warm cage and warm milk was fed to them every two hours carefully using a syringe so that the milk does not go into their tracheas. The pubic region of the kittens were carefully stimulated with soft tissue paper to help them eliminate. During the day, the kittens were kept in the veterinary clinic and during the evening the veterinarian or the staff took them home – a routine centered around these kittens started.

The kittens put on weight very quickly as if they were competing in growing, and they were able to suck on the feeding bottle themselves when the bottle was brought to their mouths.

Our Branch is a veterinary clinic within the complex of Yamazaki School, so we are also an educational facility. The students rarely get an opportunity to observe kittens this small so closely, and everybody was very interested. When the kittens were strong enough, we decided to recruit the assistance of students for caring for these cats such as feeding them milk. At first, the students were very cautious, but everybody was very good in feeding the kittens.

The kittens have been raised with love from all staff including the students. It was a difficult job, reflecting back, but when we were caring for them we were enjoying the process of growth of the kittens rather than experiencing the hardships.

In December, all four kittens were able to find new homes...

When we were caring for the kittens, we decided not to name them, because we will be attached to them. However, stakeholders became attached to them anyways, and as a result, two of the kittens were adopted by the veterinarian who rescued them, and another was adopted by a veterinary nurse.

If these kittens were not rescued in the first place they may have never

been able to recover, and this makes us feel that our activities have left such a great impact and reminds us that spaying/neutering is extremely important. We would like to communicate this message to the students who will be flourishing in the respective careers in the future.

1) Number of Animals Subsidized for Spaying/Neutering Operations (total number of dogs/cats = 3)

Dogs	Males	0	Cats	Males	3
	Females	0		Females	0
Total Number of Dogs		0	Total Number of Cats		3

2) Number of Dogs and Cats that were Adopted (total number of dogs/cats = 4)

Dogs	Males	0	Cats	Males	3
	Females	0		Females	1
Total Number of Dogs		0	Total Number of Cats		4

(Rumi Inoue, Head of Branch; Emi Ariya, permanent committee member)

#### 4. Yokohama Branch

Yokohama Branch holds adoption events on the third Sunday of every month from 10:00 to around 14:00. The adoption event is run by a total of roughly 13-15 members which consist of students from Nihon University and Yamazaki School other than members of JAWS.

Perhaps because of the rising popularity of cats, there are many people who come to the event who say that “it is their first time to keep cats.” A lot of these first-timers come with their children and with all of their family members.

There are many people who request to adopt kittens that are in their cutest ages; however, we recommend adult cats with known personalities for homes in which elementary school children interact alone with cats for reasons such as spending a lot of time at home alone. Young children may do things to cats that the animals do not like without realizing, or they may not be cautious enough and let the cats escape outdoors; thus, we avoid

having these types of families adopt kittens.

Also, for people over 60 years old who “request a kitten because they lost their cat that they lived with for a long period of time,” we confirm before giving the animal that their families and relatives can take on the cat if something happens to the individual. If the family members do not consent, we do not adopt out.

Generally, adoption events do not adopt out to people over 60 years old; however, individuals who are 60 years old are still full of energy. In the future, we believe that the age limit of adopting animals can be brought up to 65 years old – small dogs get enough exercise indoors and do not need to be walked, and cats do not need extensive care.

There are many news reports on newspapers and television that talk about how senior citizens find a purpose in their lives when living with animals or are likely to care for their own health better when living with animals. Interacting with animals can make people feel younger and enable people to live healthier lives. Increasing the number of healthy senior citizens will contribute to reducing medical costs.

We believe that around ten cats is a sufficient number of cats for our adoption events. When there are more than 15 cats, many visitors have a hard time deciding between the animals. This time, we had dogs and cats that were roughly ten years old put up for adoption at our events for reasons common for senior citizens (hospitalization, being institutionalized, etc.) and because they were surrendered from owners with multiple animals who could not keep these animals because they were exceeding their capacities. It is unfortunate that we had difficulties finding new homes for these animals.

This fiscal year, there was an increase of two animal hospitals who joined our Branch, so the number of animals subsidized for spaying/neutering operations increased greatly for both dogs and cats.

1) Number of Animals Subsidized for Spaying/Neutering Operations (total number of dogs/cats = 215)

Dogs	Males	12	Cats	Males	84
	Females	13		Females	106
Total Number of Dogs		25	Total Number of Cats		190

2) Number of Dogs and Cats that were Adopted (total number of dogs/cats = 77)

Dogs	Males	5	Cats	Males	27
	Females	11		Females	34
Total Number of Dogs		16	Total Number of Cats		61

(Tetsuo Hyodo, Head of Branch)

5. Sagami Branch

The main activities of Sagami Branch this year consisted of the joint adoption event held once a month together with Yokohama Branch, performing and subsidizing spaying/neutering operations of dogs and cats without owners, and performing and subsidizing the veterinary care of dogs and cats without owners. The amount of veterinary care and the amount subsidized for such care have been increasing every year.

Many animal hospitals in the local community will not treat stray cats – they would not even allow stray cats to enter the hospital. In such circumstances, we provide necessary examinations and treatments for animals suffering from diseases and injuries that feeders of the animals formerly had to give up rescuing in tears. All stakeholders, without exceptions, have shown JAWS their appreciation in doing this.

Many of the cases we treat include surgical procedures performed on purulent injuries from fights and cases of temporary dehydration that have advanced to life-threatening levels. These are cases in which animals can fully recover from without any issues if treated in an appropriate way early on.

Sometimes, there are animals that are brought in that have conditions for which decisions on treatment are difficult to make such as advanced kidney failure or animals that have developed leukemia or immunodeficiency syndrome virus. We get the impression that there are fewer people now who think that feeding is sufficient enough; instead, it seems like there are more people who respect the lives of the animals they provide care for – spaying/neutering the animals, treating diseases and injuries to the best of their capabilities, and wishing a good, long life for these animals. We believe that we have to put our efforts into helping these people and work to increase people with these well-thought-out

policies.

1) Number of Animals Subsidized for Spaying/Neutering Operations (total number of dogs/cats = 28)

Dogs	Males	0	Cats	Males	9
	Females	0		Females	19
Total Number of Dogs		0	Total Number of Cats		28

2) Number of Dogs and Cats that were Adopted (total number of dogs/cats = 1)

Dogs	Males	0	Cats	Males	0
	Females	0		Females	1
Total Number of Dogs		0	Total Number of Cats		1

(Hirofumi Sato, Head of Branch)

## 6. Nagano Branch

Although on a national level the principle of animal welfare seems to have disseminated relatively well in recent years, there are still many cases of abandonment of pet dogs or abuse of community cats in Nagano.

A recent case involved roughly ten community cats tied with ropes and abandoned in the fields. Three cats were rescued but the rest of the cats died.

The public health center had heard complaints regarding cats but had disregarded them.

Nagano Branch will continue to put efforts into its TNR activities, work with local residents, promote appropriate knowledge on dogs and cats, and strive to create a local community where people and animals can coexist in harmony.

### ① Collaboration with the Government

<13<sup>th</sup> Adoption Event of Saku>

- Date and Time: Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018
- Venue: Saku City Hall, Nagano Prefecture
- Adoptions:

Dogs: 6 live animals participated; 0 animals represented using panels

Cats: 13 live animals participated; 3 animals represented using panels

<5<sup>th</sup> Adoption Event of Hello Animal>

- Date and Time: Sunday, July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018
- Venue: Hello Animal, Animal Welfare Center of Nagano Prefecture
- Lecture:  
Lecturer: Dr. Atsushi Yokoyama, director of Sakura Animal Hospital  
Theme of lecture: “Urgent News: Will Keeping Animals Increase your Lifespan?”
- Adoptions:  
Dogs: 9 live animals participated; 0 animals represented using panels  
Cats: 20 live animals participated; 3 animals represented using panels

<14<sup>th</sup> Adoption Event of Saku>

- Date and Time: Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018
- Venue: Saku City Hall, Nagano Prefecture
- Adoptions:  
Dogs: 8 live animals participated; 0 animals represented using panels  
Cats: 15 live animals participated; 0 animals represented using panels

<6<sup>th</sup> Adoption Event of Hello Animal>

- Date and Time: Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018
- Venue: Hello Animal, Animal Welfare Center of Nagano Prefecture
- Lecture:  
Lecturer: Dr. Nai Machiya, veterinary inspector of JAWS  
Theme of lecture: “Current Issues Illustrated by Abuse Cases – Two Cases for which Charges were Pressed Against After the Previous Revision of the Law and Rehoming Project of Brown Bears”
- Adoptions:  
Dogs: 12 live animals participated; 1 animal represented using panels  
Cats: 11 live animals participated; 4 animals represented using panels



1) Number of Animals Subsidized for Spaying/Neutering Operations (total number of dogs/cats = 548)

Dogs	Males	8	Cats	Males	233
	Females	27		Females	280
Total Number of Dogs		35	Total Number of Cats		513

2) Number of Dogs and Cats that were Adopted (total number of dogs/cats = 104)

Dogs	Males	6	Cats	Males	18
	Females	46		Females	34
Total Number of Dogs		52	Total Number of Cats		52

(Sumiko Tokuma, Head of Branch)

## 7. South Osaka Branch

### <A Nice Surprise>

We were very nervous around March 2019, the end of fiscal year 2018. For the past three years or so, the number of animals that we subsidize have continued to increase, and it sounded like we would have to spend beyond our budget.

For governments, the subsidies provided by the local authorities will terminate even during the subsidization period if the budget is depleted.

However, with our Branch, we promise each member – for example member A and member B – when they join our Branch the maximum number that we would subsidize for them, so we somehow managed to make ends meet in ending the fiscal year. We have speculated that the numbers would continue to increase for the next fiscal year, so we notified all members in writing that “from the new fiscal year, subsidies will terminate even during the subsidization period when the budget is depleted.”

The fact that many animals are being subsidized means that their breeding is being controlled which should be something we should be happy about. However, in terms of financial resources, it is difficult to prioritize everything and everybody.

The Branch finally started moving toward drafting a guideline on the prevention of “animal hoarding situations” targeting local authorities which was a topic on our agenda for a long period of time. According to news reports, “stakeholders have begun to launch expert working groups to discuss this issue.” This issue has been surfacing quite frequently in all areas of the country. There are cases where local authorities have left all the problem solving to private organizations, and there are some cases in which private organizations could not stand by and watch any longer, offered help, and had to push themselves beyond their capacity, and as a result, collapsed with the hoarder. We believe that stakeholders have waited way too long to address this issue, but we are hoping that it is better late than never.

Animal hoarders sometimes have mental disorders, are isolated socially, or need social welfare support. Thus, collaboration between the animal protection and human service departments of the local authorities, as well as departments related to housing issues if the site is located within public housing that does not allow pets, is crucial.

Our Branch also receives requests for advice from home care workers and care managers, but there is a limit to how we can help. We take on what we can and advise them to report the case to relevant departments of the local authorities for parts that we are not able to help with.

There have been many dogs and cats that have suffered and died due to the insufficient management system of the national and local governments. We hope that the new era would be an opportunity to deepen our compassion to sincerely address these small, voiceless lives.

- Collaboration with the Government
  - Osaka Prefecture Animal Welfare Promotion Council
  - Osaka City Animal Welfare Promotion Association
  - Osaka City Animal Welfare Promoter Workshop
  - Sakai City Animal Welfare Fair
  - Subsidization of part of the expenses for spaying/neutering of dogs and cats adopted from Osaka Prefecture
  - Adoption events for dogs and cats and obedience/care classes at public health centers of core cities as public-private partnership initiatives; “Obedience Classes for Dogs” of Osaka Prefecture
  
- PR Activities
 

We launched a campaign for the prevention of animal abuse, looked for new homes for animals, did fundraising activities, and held a bazaar at Nakanoshima Festival.
  
- Telephone Inquiries      206 cases

1) Number of Animals Subsidized for Spaying/Neutering Operations (total number of dogs/cats = 1,561; includes the cases of Osaka Prefecture)

Dogs	Males	46	Cats	Males	524
	Females	78		Females	913
Total Number of Dogs		124	Total Number of Cats		1,437

2) Number of Dogs and Cats that were Adopted (total number of dogs/cats = 240)

Dogs	Males	65	Cats	Males	74
	Females	41		Females	60
Total Number of Dogs		106	Total Number of Cats		134

(Chizu Yamautsuri, Head of Branch)

## VII. REPORTS ON FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

(For the Annual Report of Fiscal Year 2018)

### 1. Situation of Assets (unit: 1,000 JPY)

	FY 2018	FY 2017
Cash equivalent	25,964	29,370
Supplies	505	758
Other current assets	1,075	948
Fixed assets	172,051	166,083
Special assets	155,721	164,910
Others	16,330	1,173
Total assets	199,595	197,241
Total debt	6,467	6,663
Net assets	193,128	190,578

- Our net asset at the end of this fiscal year is 193,120,000 JPY which is an increase of 2,550,000 JPY.
- Our cash equivalent decreased 3,400,000 JPY.
- Per special assets, we reached into 5,000,000 JPY of the Animal Rescue Fund and 5,000,000 JPY of the asset acquisition fund. 136,000,000 JPY of the special assets is restricted net assets. Due to the completion of the facility in Nasu, other fixed assets increased by 15,150,000 JPY.
- JAWS plans to use its special assets for strengthening the animal welfare activities beyond fiscal year 2019.

### 2. Situation on Income and Expenditure (unit: 1,000 JPY)

	FY 2018	FY 2017
Balance brought forward from the previous account	190,578	191,633
Income from membership fee	31,455	31,444
Income from donation	57,143	68,539
Income from fundraising	7,187	6,155
Other income	5,514	5,712
Total income	291,877	303,483

Operating expense	81,483	93,372
General expense	37,902	35,082
Business expense	43,581	58,290
Management expense	6,147	10,247
Expenses for fundraising, etc.	11,119	9,285
Total expense	98,749	112,904
Balance to bring forward into the next account	193,128	190,578

- Our overall income decreased by 10,550,000 JPY.
- Our income from membership fee was roughly the equivalent of that from previous fiscal year.
- In terms of entire donations, our income decreased by 11,400,000 JPY. For donations from the public, we received one case of donation of legacies; however, our income decreased by 21,330,000 JPY. There was an increase of 10,170,000 JPY for the income from animal rescue donations.
- Our overall expenditure decreased by 14,160,000 JPY.
- As for our operating expenses, our animal rescue expenses decreased by 3,790,000 JPY, and our spaying/neutering subsidization of abandoned dogs and cats decreased by 9,200,000 JPY. Our PR expenses decreased by 1,720,000 JPY.
- Expenses for fundraising includes expenses such as those for the bingo party and increased by 1,830,000 JPY.

3. Budget for the Fiscal Year 2019 (unit: 1,000 JPY)

Balance brought forward from the previous account	193,128
Income from membership fee	31,000
Income from donation	51,000
Income from fundraising	5,500
Other income	5,900
Total income	93,400
Expenses for animal welfare activities	94,000
General expense	39,260
Business expense	54,740

Management expense	12,500
Expenses for fundraising, etc.	10,500
Total expense	117,000
Balance to bring forward into the next account	169,528

- For fiscal year 2019, JAWS expects a decrease in the income from donations but is planning to continue to place an emphasis on its animal welfare activities such as animal rescue, subsidization of spaying/neutering operations, the essay contest, etc. We are planning to be in the reds by 23,600,000 JPY.
- JAWS will continue to increase the number of members and the amount of income from donations to create a stronger foundation for its activities and would like to further strengthen its animal welfare activities.