

兵庫県立こども病院



HYOGO PREFECTURAL
KOBÉ
CHILDREN'S
HOSPITAL

Please help us employ a hospital facility dog for the children's ward!

G, middle school

When I was with him, I could forget all the bad and painful things.

About the hospital

At the heart of our hospital are specialized centers for critical care, cancer, cardiology, and perinatal medicine—providing 24/7 support to children and their families.

We offer advanced treatment for urgent conditions while also caring for those facing long-term illness.

With the mission to protect children's smiles and connect them to the future, we bring hope and healing every day—helping children overcome challenges and realize their brightest futures.

K, middle school

The deeper the worries and sorrows, the harder it is for words to reach a person's heart. At times like these, simply staying by their side and being there for them can give them strength—this is what the facility dog taught me.

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About Hospital Facility Dogs

A Hospital Facility Dog is a full-time member of the medical team, working alongside a trained healthcare professional.

Unlike therapy dogs who visit briefly, facility dogs are consistently present at the hospital every day—building trust and providing comfort throughout a child's hospital stay.

By offering companionship, they help children with cancer and other serious illnesses face treatment with greater strength and self-esteem. This program aims to ease emotional stress and improve the quality of life for both children and their families.



Kanagawa Prefectural Children's Medical Center



Kazumoto Iijima-
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Hospital

Facility dogs greatly improve the healing environment for children undergoing long-term hospitalization. They bring more smiles to children and help foster a positive attitude toward treatment. We kindly ask for your support in introducing facility dogs to hospitals.



**Hospital
Website**



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What a Hospital Facility Dog does:

Support through interaction and play, and snuggling in bed.

Providing companionship in palliative care.

Intervention during examinations, treatments.

- Support for children who have difficulty taking medication or during blood draws and IV placements.
- Accompaniment during transfers to the operating room or for medical tests.
- Providing comfort and companionship until general anesthesia is induced and during procedures such as bone marrow aspiration and lumbar puncture.
- Encouragement and support during rehabilitation.



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