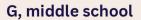
兵庫県立こども病院



HYOGO PREFECTURAL KOBE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

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



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



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.



and Development

National Center for Child Health and Development

07病P2-003A4

National Center for Child Health and Development



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 selfesteem. This program aims to ease emotional stress and improve the quality of life for both children and their families.



Parents:

It was the facility dog who would come floating in and gently break the tense atmosphere of the hospital ward.

Kanagawa Prefectural Children's



Kazumoto lijima-**Director of Hyogo** Prefectural Kobe Children's 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.



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.



Hospital Nebsite



Instagram



1-6-7 Minatojima Minamimachi, Chūō Ward, Kobe City

TEL: 078-945-7300







Photo courtesy: Shine On! Kids