

Lesson 05 Morita Yuko Hospital Facility Dog Handler

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What are hospital facility dogs? //

They are special dogs / in the hospital. // Their job is giving emotional support / to children. // Children sometimes get injections / or have surgery. // They suffer from pain and stress. // The dogs comfort the children / by staying with them. // What do handlers do? // We work with facility dogs / as members of a medical team. // We take care of the dogs too. // The handlers are always together with them, / even at home. //

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What are the important things / for handlers? //

First, / facility dogs must be clean / because they work in a hospital. // We brush our dogs' hair and teeth carefully / every morning. //

Second, / handlers should always be happy. // Dogs are very sensitive. // If we are sad or nervous, / they may feel the same. // Then / they cannot enjoy working. // In addition, / handlers and dogs should understand each other. // We are together / twenty-four seven, / so we have a strong bond! //