

This is an English translation of a newspaper article in Japan. It features a white shepherd bred by our own Scarlett Sanders. "Baby Sky" is out of Sky x Bo litter.

## Only one in Japan... a white shepherd certified as a guide dog



A white shepherd (Female 2 years old) was certified for the first time as a guide dog through Japan Guide Dog Association Kanagawa Training Center (Kounan-ku, Yokohama) on 12 December 2013.

According to the organization, shepherds are loyal and have good judgments. In a country like the United States, shepherds are very common as guide dogs, however it's rare in Japan. Regardless of coat colors, currently she is the only active guide dog.

Her partner is Youko Sakurai (56). Her previous guide dog had retired and she was looking for another dog. Because she is not only blind but also hearing impaired, they chose a white shepherd due to its high visibility in crowded streets, thus she was imported from the United States in May.

After the training, she was turned over to Ms. Sakurai on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of December. Ms. Sakurai states "Thanksto her, I can walk care-free now. I want to go places!"

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