

News Letter

Wildlife Helminthology and Prof. Asakawa

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Prof. Mitsuhiro Asakawa DVM, MSc Wild Animal Health (UK), Ph.D., Dipl. JCZWM, is working at the Division of Pathobiology, School of Veterinary Medicine, Rakuno Gakuen University, Hokkaido, Japan (Figure 1), and his research background is based on helminthology, especially, morphology, taxonomy, ecology and zoogeography, and helminthiasis including zoonotic ones of diagnosis, epidemical survey and countermeasures among human-livestock and variable animals including wildlife, exotic

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pets, zoo and aquarium animals etc derived from the anywhere on the Planet (Figure 2-5).

Adding to the academic background of him mentioned above, the university is located in the Noppro National Forest (Figure 6), and it could pursue an educational activity for wildlife medicine, although it is adjacent to the most congested area, the capital city of Hokkaido. So, based on the Wild Animal Medical Center (Figure 7-9) belonging to the Graduate School of Veterinary Medicine of the university, Prof. Asakawa has made



Figure 1 Prof. Mitsuhiro Asakawa and his wildlife patient.



Figure 3 A stranded whale and Prof. Asakawa.



Figure 2 In order to investigate zoonotic agents, Prof. Asakawa collected free-ranging animals (right circle) at a disaster area stricken by the Tsunami caused from the Great East Japan Earthquake, March 11, 2011.



Figure 4 An international research project in Russia (Right: Prof. Asakawa).

such educational opportunities, not only for his students, but also overseas ones including USA (Figure 10,11) since 2004.

If you are interested in this guy, please check the facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/mitsuhiro.asakawa>, and contact with his e-mail: askam@rakuno.ac.jp. Don't hesitate that. Thank you very much indeed for your attention.



Figure 5 At London Zoo (Right: Prof. Asakawa).



Figure 6 Landscape of Noppro National Forest and Rakuno Gakuin University.



Figure 7 The Wild Animal Medical Center.



Figure 8 A stranded dolphin carried to the Wild Animal Medical Center.



Figure 9 An injured deer carried to the Wild Animal Medical Center.



Figure 10 Prof. Asakawa and his students.



Figure 11 Overseas students trained in the Wild Animal Medical Center.

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