

Gotemba Newsletter

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1. Let's Keep Our Pet the Proper Way

Pets heal people's hearts. But remember, pets can cause problems with neighbors.

Please keep in mind how to keep your pet properly according to pet type, with an understanding of how to flow the rules.

- Perform a sterility castration operation.
To avoid any unexpected deliveries for your dog/ cat, please consider having a sterility castration operation at a veterinary clinic.
- Clarification of ownership
In case your pet runs away, get a microchip installed at a veterinary hospital etc. After installing a microchip, please register it from the Ministry of the environment's dog and cat microchip information registration site. (two-dimensional code)
If you have lost your pet, please report it to the health center or police station. If your pet is a dog, you need to report it to the environment division.
- Keep your cat inside of your house.
You can avoid any traffic accidents or infections by keeping your cat inside; it also avoids bothering your neighbors with their feces.
- Do not feed irresponsibly.
Leaving food to feed stray animals is irresponsible, they will be a bother for your neighbors with their feces and lead to some troubles later.
- Be responsible as a pet owner.
Being a pet owner comes with the responsibility to keep your pet for their whole life properly. In addition to taking care of your pet on a daily basis, please be considerate of others and respect manners.
Sometimes there are unexpected accidents or sickness that make it difficult or maybe even prevent you from doing so. Please be responsible in any situation.
- Make sure to register your dog(s) and get annual vaccinations for all dogs.
When you start keeping your dog as a pet, be sure to register it with the city (available to register from city homepage by two-dimensional code) and put dog tags on your pet. Rabies vaccinations are required every year by law.
Group vaccinations for rabies will be carried out at a community center or other place. Please come to your place of convenience. In the case of inconvenience or your dog's condition, you can get your pets vaccination at veterinarian clinic.
Please check the Japanese Koho-Gotemba for the schedule.

Ministry of the environment:

Dog and cat microchip information registration site.



City: Dog registration



- Things to bring: ①Dog card (dog handbook), ②Notification postcard
③3,500 yen for Vaccinations per dog.

- Reminder:
 - If this is your first time registering, you need 3,000 yen per dog.
 - Please come with someone who can handle your dog.
 - Prepare the correct amount of money so there is no need for change.
 - The program will be held even if it's raining.

Inquiry: Environment division at (83)1610.

2. A Promise Between Parents and Children When Going Out to Protect The Children

As the new year, some parents and children have found themselves in a new environment. During this exciting and opportunities for having a lot of fun event period, there are many unexpected dangers. In order to ensure that children have a safe and secure enjoyable time, this is introduction between parents and children when going out and picking up/ dropping off children.

Scene 1: Car

Please use a baby car seat or a child seat for car rides. Car seats are required by law to be appropriate for the child's weight and age.

- Some children may be reluctant to ride in a car seat at first, but it is important to continue using it. Children can feel safe by riding in a familiar car seat.
- Another way to create a fun environment is to bring things your child, such as toys DVD etc.



Scene 2: Bicycle

- Bicycle also have different types of seats depending on the child's age, physique and gender. Wearing a helmet is required by law from 2023.
- It's recommended to buy with your child and choose a seat and helmet they like.
- Gotemba city provides subsidies for purchasing helmets. Please refer to the city's homepage for details. (In charge: Life safety division)



Scene 3: Parking lot

Let's walk hand in hand. Grasp the child's wrists to prevent them from slipping out. Adults should walk on the side of the road.

- It is also important for parents and children to talk about why they are holding hands.
- If you have siblings, make sure the younger child is safe using a baby carrier before dropping the older child off.
- Parking lot usage rules vary depending on the kindergarten or outing, so be sure to check in advance.



One last thing

When children start walking alone, their world expands to the outside world, and traffic accidents are more likely to occur. It is important to take safety measures that are tailored to the child's characteristics and growth. Instead of having an optimistic bias (*), always prepare for danger and live happily like a smile!

*Never underestimating the risks, such as thinking that your child won't put cigarettes or detergent in his mouth, or you don't need to put him in a child seat because it's short ride.

Inquiry: Child family center at (70)6821

3. Extended Counter Hours at City Hall

Inquiry: General affairs at (82)4320

- Days to extend
2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month (excepting holidays including the end/ beginning of the year)
- Reception hours: Till 6:45 pm.

Counter Extension Division/ Reception services list

Section in charge	Reservation/ contact phone #	Extended subject counter operations
Citizen's division	(82)4120	1. Acceptance of notification of change of residents and family register.
	(82)4137	2. Issuance of various certificates related to certificate of resident, family register, seal registration.
	(82)4195	3. My number related work (Reservation required) Issuance of My Number Card
	(83)4363	4. Application and Issuance of passport
Tax division	Management & certification staff (82)4128	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issue tax certificates • Registration and scrapping procedures for motorized bicycles • Application for temporary operation permission for automobiles
	Tax Payment Promotion Office (82)4166	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (Reservation required) Payment of city tax, consultation of tax payment
National health insurance and pension division	National Insurance Tax staff (83)1255	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (Reservation required) National Health Insurance Enrollment and Withdrawal
	Pension staff (82)4122	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (Reservation required) National Pension Enrollment and Withdraw
	Elderly health care medical staff (82)4188	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (Reservation required) Related work for elderly health care medical staff
Child support division	(82)4124	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acceptance of applications for child medical expenses and child allowances
		(Reservation required) Accepting various applications below
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acceptance of applications for child support allowance
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acceptance of applications for medical expenses subsidies for single parent and child families
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acceptance of applications for after school child clubs
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acceptance of applications for child development support and after-school day services
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acceptance of applications for premature baby medical care
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acceptance of applications for single parent Self-reliance support project benefits
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acceptance of applications for single parent Loan of welfare funds

※Due to the interdepartmental operations between divisions, some operations may be limited.

※Some consultations need to make a reservation in advance.

Please call the section in charge by Monday preferably the day before.

4. ECOHOUSE INFORMATION / Inquiry: (88)3337

We only accept re-useable items. No items are stored in the office.

* FREE ITEMS: Cupboard, Japanese chest of drawer, Western chest of drawer, 2 seater sofa, Bicycle with gear, Mochi pounding machine, Microwave, Student desk

* DONATIONS NEEDED: CD player, Fax machine with handset, City Jr. High school uniform

※Fax and Telephone answering machine services are not available.

(Last updated on 3/25/2024)

5. May's Calendar of Events

DATE	EVENTS/TIME	LOCATION	DATE	EVENTS/TIME	LOCATION
1 (WED)	Legal Counseling (1:00pm)	City Hall	17 (FRI)		
2 (THU)			18 (SAT)	OHANASHI HIROBA (2:30pm)	Library
3 (FRI)			19 (SUN)		
4 (SAT)	OHANASHI HIROBA (2:30pm)	Library	20 (MON)	Health Consultation for Babies and Children (9:20am)	Health Care Center
5 (SUN)			21 (TUE)	Seminar for 4 months old (9:45am)	Health Care Center
6 (MON)			22 (WED)	OYAKO OHANASHI NO KAI (10:30am)	Library
7 (TUE)			23 (THU)	Mental Health Consultation (10:00am) Adult Health Consultation (1:30pm)	City Hall Health Care Center
8 (WED)	OYAKO OHANASHI NO KAI (10:30am)	Library	24 (FRI)	Health Consultation and Fluoride application for 2 and half years old (1:10pm)	Health Care Center
	Health Checkup for Babies 6 months old (1:10pm)	Health Care Center	25 (SAT)	OHANASHI HIROBA (2:30pm)	Library
	Book Start	Health Care Center	26 (SUN)		
9 (THU)	Mother support consultation (9:30 am)	Health Care Center	27 (MON)	Vaccination Shots (BCG) (1:15pm)	Health Care Center
	Mental Health Consultation (10:00am)	City Hall	28 (TUE)	Health Checkup for Infants 18 months old (1:10pm)	Health Care Center
	Mother support consultation (1:30 pm)	Health Care Center	29 (WED)	Health Checkup for 3 years old (1:00pm)	Health Care Center
10 (FRI)	Health Consultation for 2 years old (1:10pm)	Health Care Center	30 (THU)		
11 (SAT)	OHANASHI HIROBA (2:30pm)	Library	31 (FRI)		
12 (SUN)					
13 (MON)	Legal Counseling (10:00am)	City Hall	Taxes to be paid in the month of May (Deadline Friday, May 31st) <input type="checkbox"/> Tax for Light motor vehicle (Category base) <input type="checkbox"/> Water/sewage bills for May		
14 (TUE)	Health Checkup for Infants 18 months old (1:10pm)	Health Care Center			
15 (WED)	Health Checkup for 3 years old (1:00pm)	Health Care Center			
16 (THU)					

★ The Gotemba Newsletter can be viewed on the GIA Internet site:
<https://www.gia-gotemba.com>

★ Copies of this Newsletter are available at the City Hall, the City Branch Offices, Library, Health Care Center and GIA.

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