

Abstract

This bachelor thesis deals with dogs employed in the socio-medical field, especially with assistance and hearing dogs. The thesis is divided into two parts, theoretical and practical. In the theoretical part the reader is introduced to the categories of dogs employed in this field, their special training (including interested organizations) is described and last but not least appropriate legislative measures are described. Attention is also paid to the situation abroad (in the USA, Great Britain and Slovakia). Information in the theoretical part served as resource for the practical part, which is divided into two units: passportization of dogs which are employed in the socio-medical field in Czech Republic; questionnaire survey among people with hearing loss, who are owners of dogs without special assistance/hearing training. In the conclusion the author uses the previously collected data to search for an answer to a question, whether a dog (even without a special training) can be an assistive device for people with hearing loss.

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