

Abstract

The bachelor thesis deals with hearing dogs. The reader is introduced to the categories of dogs employed in the socio-medical field, is described in detail special training of hearing dogs, attention is also focused on financing and related legislation. For comparison, it is briefly mentioned situation abroad (in the USA, in the Great Britain and in Slovakia). Special attention is paid to communicate with a dog, especially for hand signals and an explanation of the difference between them and isolated signs from Czech sign language. The practical part contains chapters focused on passportization of dogs which are employed in the socio-medical field in the Czech Republic, a survey among persons with hearing loss who own a dog without special assistance/hearing training and a case study about one hearing dog used by person with hearing loss.

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