

compassion to help these animals. However, they have no say in the way Nara chooses to handle the situation.

We were only able to get the enclosed photos inside her prefab after she left the site to develop a roll of film, one which she thought contained a picture of her. The officials, who are apparently intimidated by this woman, drove her off in a prefectural car to develop the film. With such an unpredictable schizophrenic individual there is a real danger that she may disappear. This of course would save Nara a lot of trouble. In effect, letting the Prefecture off the hook.

Compromise in solving problems in Japan is so ingrained in the system that people will go through endless negotiation rather than apply the law. Although this pair could be prosecuted for violation of the existing Animal Protection law, including extreme cruelty and neglect of animals in their care and failure to meet hygiene standards, the Prefecture obviously has no intention of taking legal action.

ARK has been criticized because we will not compromise; we have made the woman angrier and therefore more difficult to negotiate with. We are being pressured by the Prefecture as well as other animal welfare organizations to cease our protest.

This is an unparalleled opportunity to expose the Animal Protection Law in Japan for what it is, a meaningless colander law but Japan-based animal welfare organizations, covered by the authorities, conditioned by failure and couched in the familiar pattern of compromise are letting this chance slip through their fingers. International pressure is the only way to get the government to act in the interest of the animals. A strong letter to the Prime Ministers Office is needed. Demand that immediate action be taken to secure the release of the remaining dogs; that they review this whole case thoroughly and bring about changes in the law so that this kind of case can never be repeated. We have notified the Prefecture that they have two weeks to do something before we launch another postcard campaign.

We hope your organization will be able to assist us in exposing Japan's secrets of cruelty and apathy towards animals and in distributing a second round of postcards, if it becomes necessary.