

nearly 3 hours drive away using toll roads which cost ¥ 2000 one way. I know of some people who have been going fairly regularly but they have faced abusive language and tirade from the old man and the mad old woman. (He is boarding her dogs , the ones suffocating to death inside the prefab.) Someone I took along (a foreigner) persuaded him to let her take home 4 of the dogs. Her own vet took one look at them and said they all needed emergency treatment. One was discharging bloody diarrhea and was so weak that he said it would be kinder to put to sleep, the others would recover slowly. When someone phoned on behalf of the old man to check on the dogs and was told one had died, all hell let loose. The same caller went to her place in the dead of night and threatened her if she didn't give up the remaining three dogs and the corpse of the one that had died. she had no choice but to let them go, knowing they would be taken back to Tenri. Now the old man is suspicious of everyone.

3. Australians can help by complaining to the Japanese Embassy in Canberra and also by writing to the Prime Minister's Office in Tokyo as PETA did. There is no government department dealing specifically with domestic animal protection, only with control. The department is Health and Hygiene in other words animals are classified in the same category as garbage. The address is : Director, Animal Protection and Control, Cabinet Secretariat Office, Prime Minister's Office, 6-1, Nagata-cho, 1-chome, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 100. What we need specifically is new legislation to replace the old (1973 )105 Law which was designed to control rabid dogs and has nothing to do with protection of animals or at least is impossible to utilize as such. Animal activists call it the sieve law .

4. Since PETA wrote to the Prime Ministers Office, Nara is proposing to build new facilities for the Tenri dogs where they will be housed and treated until new homes can be found for them. All of this is now in the planning stage according to Nara hokensho officials who visited me recently. There seem to be a lot of problems however. What will happen if they can't rehome all these dogs (around 80 in bad condition). Will the old man release them ? (There is no way to make him give them up under the present law). What will happen to the old woman's dogs. She'll probably just cart them off to another secret hell-hole. Until I see with my own eyes that something positive is happening I won't believe them. Unfortunately similar hell-holes are likely to be discovered for a long time yet unless the law is changed. 14 dogs have already been *rescued* by the notorious Mr.Honda in Chiba who has put them into his own hell-hole. He keeps several hundred dogs, admittedly free in large enclosures but where