

ANIMAL CRISIS IN JAPAN



Fact: 3,000 unwanted dogs and cats destroyed daily in Japan. Over one million per year, mostly by cruel methods.

Fact: Methods of destroying unwanted animals are barbaric. Some animals are destroyed in carbon-monoxide gas chambers. Others are left in dark dank stinking cells with no food or water with thin wire slip nooses biting into their flesh.

Fact: More than one million abandoned dogs and cats roam the cities and surrounds, terrified and starving. Their fate? Some are sold off from dog pounds for experimentation, others are imprisoned in cages by crazy old people until they die a slow and painful death from starvation and thirst, many going crazy in the process.

Fact: After the war, Japanese people worked hard to rebuild their shattered country developing a goal of perfection which had tragic consequences for animals. If anything is less than perfect it is discarded or set aside.

Fact: As an example of the problems in that country, Japan has the highest rate of child suicide in the world. Children who cannot compete at school are pushed to one side. Mob teasing and tormenting by children in schools is creating big news presently in Japan.

Fact: People are encouraged to amass material wealth. Anything undesirable is thrown away. Pets are simply another possession – not living creatures needing love and daily care.

Fact: Japan has one of the worst reputations in the world for animal cruelty. A collar, a one metre chain, a crude box and a staple diet of white rice, and table scraps are all that is usually given to a dog. Water is often not given to pets.