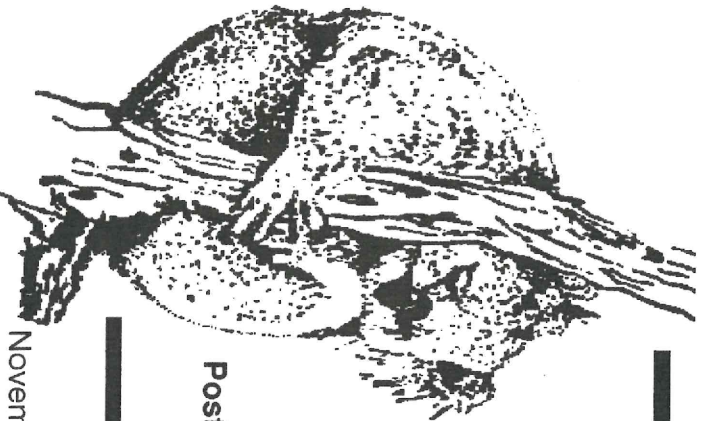




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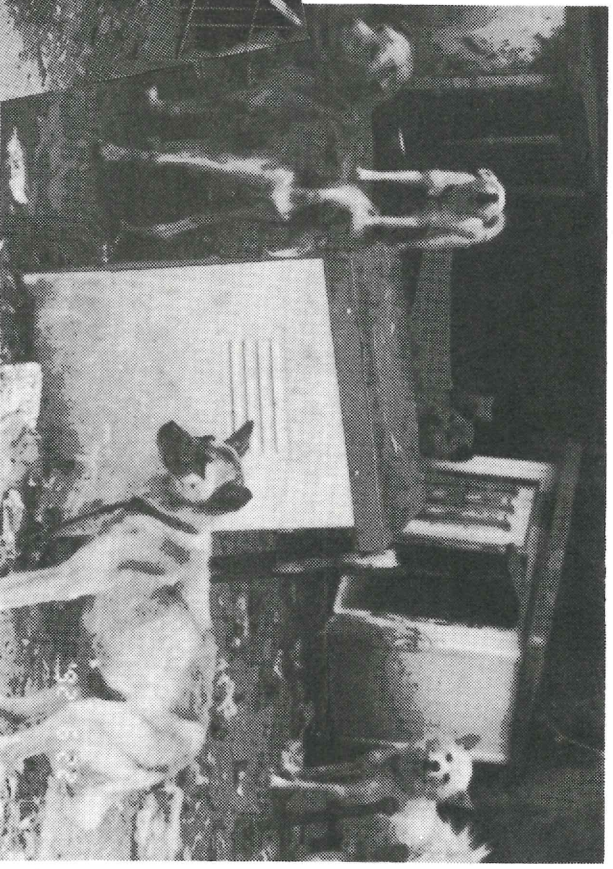
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Disgusting.

Dear Friends,
In the back streets of Tenri, there's a ghetto of animals. A place so horrible it almost defies description. Ignored by authorities and Japanese people, this hell-hole for animals is a mirror image of hundreds of similar situations throughout Japan.

This is a country where consumer madness has transformed Japanese society. Anything that's old gets tossed out including thousands and thousands of animals which are discarded and dumped, left to starve to death. Japanese people do not believe in euthanasia.

Many dumped animals are given to crazy old people who are allowed to keep hundreds of dogs and cats in appalling conditions. These old people are allowed to slowly starve and torture animals to death without any fear of legal repercussions. Here is a first hand description of the Tenri hell-hole by one activist.

"The old man's shelter consists of two prefabricated structures. In one shelter dozens of cats are crammed into a minute room.

"In the second prefab structure cages fill the entire area, wall to wall, floor to ceiling. Each cage contains three or four dogs. The cage space

has shrunk by half as putrid faeces drop from the top cages onto the occupants below, and again to those below them.

"Hairless, frenzied animals without food and water, their paws and claws gripping the wire mesh as they whine and wail for help. No words can describe the stench of decay and death.

"Some animals are silent skeletons, eaten away by ticks, fleas, hunger and thirst, craving desperately for food and water which will never come."

In spite of the fact that the animals are being tortured beyond belief there is no law in Japan to protect animals from this abuse.