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えさを与えず放

、四月二十六日、動管法三匹を保護するととも

BREEDER ARRESTED! (Saitama postscript)

The Saitama breeder who left 100 dogs to die of starvation (NL 38) was arrested by the Saitama Prefectural Police in June for violating the 1973 Protection and Keeping of Animals Law and for violating the Rabies Prevention Law. Although the law was revised last December, it will not come into effect until the end of this year which means that this man can only be fined a maximum of 30,000 yen, hardly a fitting punishment to fit the scale of the crime committed. Under the new law he would face a prison sentence of upto one year and a fine of up to a million yen for recklessly

killing or wounding an animal.

動物虐待のかどで提訴することが容 易にできます。しかし、不幸にも 日本では、行政当局は、女に対

して何もしようとしないし、

ちの1匹は、すでに妊娠中だったのです

が。)手術の後は清潔な環境で回復させ る必要があるので、1週間後に犬を返す

と約束していたのに、女は連日早く返せ

とヒステリックに要求してきました。次

第に、暴力的になって、アークの動物に

危害を加えると脅しはじめました。私ど

もはやむなく犬を全部返さざるを得ませ

んでした。「死の収容所」送りになるこ

きちんとした動物保護法がある国なら、

犬を全部"狂った女"から引き離して、 彼女がこれ以上動物を飼うのを禁じ、

とは明白だったのですが。

際問題として、法律そのも のが彼女の味方なのです から。「ケア」を受けてい る動物は、彼女の私有財 産とみなされるのです。 親切心が狂気に変わると き、動物は、何より苦し

また、何もできません。実

がなく、外にいる犬は、ひなたで息もた

えだえに喘ぎ、身動きもできず体中にダ

二が寄生している。不潔なために疥癬の

ような皮膚病が広がっている。発情した 犬がたえず喧嘩をしており、生まれた子

犬は、すぐに食べられてしまう。ところ

が、女はこんな状態を「正常」だと思っ

アークは、かろうじて子犬 1 匹を他の犬

から離し、7匹の成犬を不妊手術のため

に連れ出しました。もっとも、実際に手 術できたのは3匹だけでした。(そのう

ているのです。

Here is a case history of a collector who we were recently asked to help. There is a mad woman living in the wilds of Tanba (Hyogo Prefecture) who keeps about 50 dogs. She doesn't know exactly how many she has. This hell-hole has been in operation for 4 years since she moved from Kyoto. When we went there it was impossible to see most of the dogs since they were incarcerated in the hot airless prehab she calls her home. Through lack of human contact they are semi-wild and even she cannot handle them all. The filth and squalor of the surroundings give an indication of what conditions must be like inside. A mountain of dog manure thrown from the windows lies heaped along the side of the prehab walls. Swarms of

flies and ticks multiply on it. Food rots on the around mixed with feces. The dogs inside have never been outside and those outside lie panting in the sun unable to move and covered with ticks. Skin diseases like scabies are spreading in the unhygienic conditions. Dogs constantly in season fight each other and puppies born are soon eaten by the other dogs. She thinks this situation is "natural."

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ARK managed to remove one puppy and bring 7 dogs for neutering. We only succeeded in neutering 3 dogs (one of which was heavily pregnant). We had promised to return the dogs a week after surgery saying that they needed to be kept in a clean environment until completely recovered. But she came hysterically everyday demanding their

return. Since she was becoming increasingly violent and threatening to put ARK animals at risk, we had no option but to return all the dogs to her although we knew we were sending them back to a death camp.

In a country with proper animal protection laws it would be easy to remove all the animals from this mad woman, to ban her from keeping any more and to prosecute her for cruelty. Not in Japan unfortunately. Not only are the authorities unable or unwilling to do anything about her but the law is actually on her side as the animals in her "care" are regarded as her private property. When kindness turns to madness, animals suffer most.