

Woman Protests 17/10/79 Proposed Pet Law

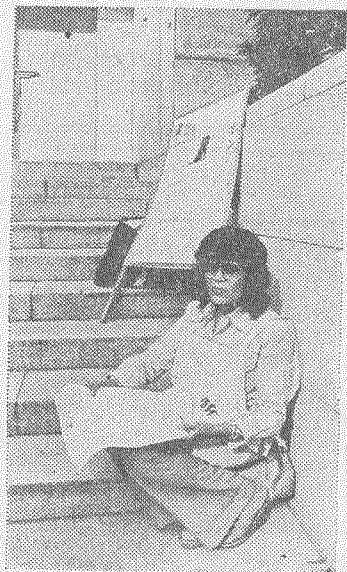
A representative of the Japan Animal Protection League staged a 24-hour hunger strike outside the Tokyo metropolitan assembly building Monday to protest a proposed metropolitan ordinance restricting pets.

The ordinance, to be introduced next April, goes further than those enforced by other governing bodies in requesting, for example, that cats should be kept indoors wherever possible and that owners of pet shops should be registered.

After the "successful" hunger strike, the representative, Ms. Junko Nakayama, 39, of Nakano, said Tuesday that her action had driven the keepers of cats and other pets to launch a large-scale campaign against the enforcement of the ordinance.

Ms. Nakayama, herself the owner of 14 cats, also said that the problem of whether or not cats should be kept indoors is not an area for government intervention.

A movement headed by well-known writers and public figures is already under way to



Ms. Nakayama staging a hunger strike against Tokyo's ordinance on pets.

have the ordinance revoked. Earlier this month, they handed a protest note to Gov. Shunichi Suzuki of Tokyo.