

The official of Hyogo Prefecture gave out the plan of deciding new synthetical laws for prevention of cruelty to animals on December 11. Its aim is to alter present administration, laying stress on the 'Dignity of animal life'.

The prevention and the research on the actual conditions of pet diseases that are becoming social problems recently are of course included.

Pet shops or the facilities for experimental animals, which has no responsibilities to report at present, must give notice to the authorities.

They expect to proclaim these regulations in 1992 at the latest. In the new laws, present prefectural regulations will be revised and become substantial ones.

They are thinking of putting two cores to make them.

1. Taking a serious view of 'dignity of life'

They are going to establish some systems to help pet owners keep their pets in a comfortable surrounding through their lives.