



Abandoned American Cocker Spaniel beyond help.
After it had been trimmed, gangrene was discovered.

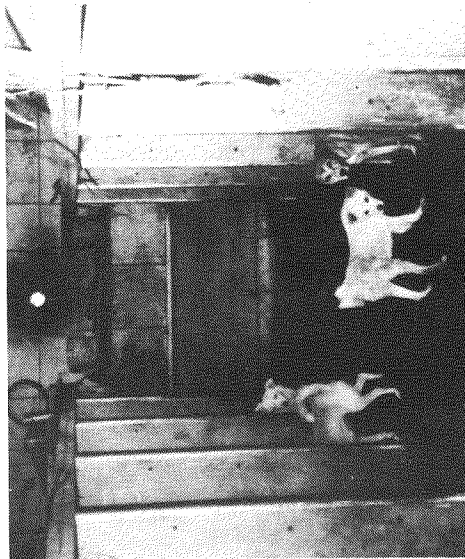


Could not stand after being hit by car; no veterinary treatment sought. Owner just dumped it in JAWS' cages. It was terrified and almost unapproachable.

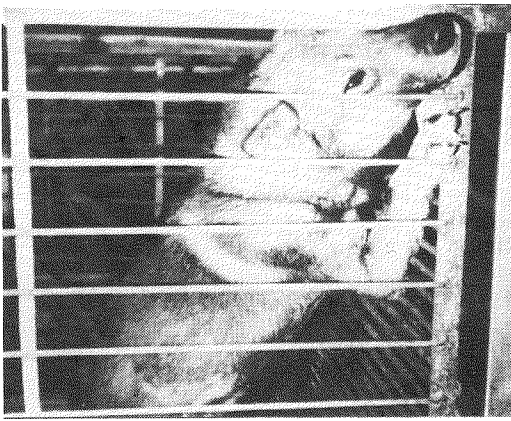


Gentle Spaniel, filthy and unkempt, waits patiently between grooming sessions by JAWS' helpers.

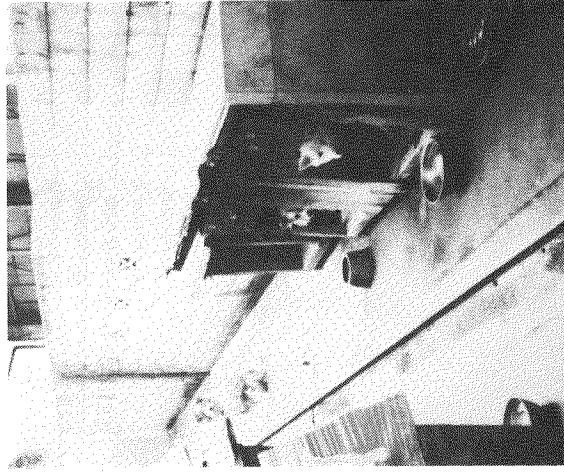
AND IN RESEARCH ESTABLISHMENTS . . .



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establishments may have every possible facility for the researchers. But the animals are still herded together in the usual dark cells well out of sight. Here they wait, the lucky ones will be claimed by their owners, the rest, thoroughbred and crossbred alike, will be destroyed or sent to a laboratory. It is very unlikely that any official will give any thought to the beauty, intelligence, or value of any animal when this decision is made — any more than the owner did when the poor creature was discarded.

Time and time again JAWS' helpers find that the new stainless steel cages, 'scientifically designed' for laboratory animals, are too small. The floors of round metal bars or wire mesh are uncomfortable, even painful, especially for animals which have recently undergone surgery.

To alleviate the daily misery of animals' lives, the Society donates kennels where there is inadequate shelter, hundreds of resting boards to enable the animals to get some relief from round bars or wire mesh; rugs and blankets for post-operative animals and hundreds of floor boards for those lying on cold damp concrete floors.

Even food is donated to supplement the meagre rations. Everything is cordially received, but not always used without persistent prompting by JAWS' helpers.

Conditions for animals might improve if the Animal Protection Act was implemented properly by the authorities. This Act, for which our colleagues campaigned with such hope over many years, is being interpreted in such a way that detailed instructions to prevent animals harming people have been drawn up but scarcely any instructions have been drawn up to prevent cruelty to animals! The police in particular seem unaware of their responsibilities and the Prime Minister's Office is being petitioned to get this situation rectified.

This is what the Japan Animal Welfare Society is up against. There are hundreds of compassionate Japanese people who deplore the present situation and who have joined the Society, willingly helping in whatever way they can, and inspiring others by their example and devotion. Some are professional people who give their services and some are old and poor, sharing their slender means with the animals which they rescue and shelter for JAWS. Some are influential and prominent people, an inestimable asset to the Society since they champion the cause of animals at Government level.

JAWS' Rescue Centre at Hanshin is well known all over the world. But there is a crying need for such centres all over Japan, where there would be space to demonstrate the proper care

of animals to people, particularly parties of schoolchildren.

Maybe this must be one of our dreams for the future, since to establish just one modest centre of this sort would take a very great deal of money, far beyond the present resources of the Society . . .

. . . but the longest journey in the world begins with just one step . . .

Please help the Japan Animal Welfare Society to take this one step towards the time when the numbers of discarded animals and the cases of overwhelming misery so commonplace now, can be reduced by a concerned and caring community of Japanese people.



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