

Loneliness Was Reason

KYOTO — The Kyoto Prefectural Police arrested a 52-year-old female beggar Monday for feeding wild dogs at Maruyama Park here.

Police employed the Minor Offense Law, which prohibits loitering, to arrest her.

Complaints had been flooding police and public health offices about the wild dogs which numbered about 20 in the park. Tourists and citizens were barked at and sometimes bitten by the dogs.

Police learned that the wild dogs regularly gathered at the park because the beggar fed them.

She told police that she was feeding dogs because she was lonely.

She also said that she had done nothing wrong.