

Israeli wants stray dogs ^{Fr. 16/1/93} delivered to Asian kitchens

JERUSALEM (UPI-Kyodo) An Israeli travel agent wants to take stray dogs from the streets of Tel Aviv and New York City and send them to the kitchens of Beijing and Manila.

Solo Lejbovitz, a travel agent who works in both Israel and the United States, wrote letters to several airlines Thursday formally proposing that they fly abandoned dogs to Asia instead of allowing them to be put to sleep.

"There are hundreds of thousands of dogs running around the world," he said.

"Those dogs are a gourmet meal for a family in the Philippines."

Lejbovitz, who is married to a Filipina and says he has indulged in canine flesh on several occasions, floated the idea in letters to Delta, United, Northwest and El Al airlines.

He suggested they fill the empty space on their Asia-bound flights with dogs slated to be killed.

El Al spokesman Nahmun Kleiman said he hadn't seen the letter but suggested the airline might consider the plan.