

Women seek end to dog disposal boxes

TAKAMATSU — A group of housewives plans to press the Kagawa Prefectural Government to remove from the streets "collection boxes" for unwanted dogs.

The 58-member group says Kagawa still continues to use the boxes despite the fact that many other local governments have ended the practice under pressure of a growing movement to protect unwanted dogs from being dumped like garbage.

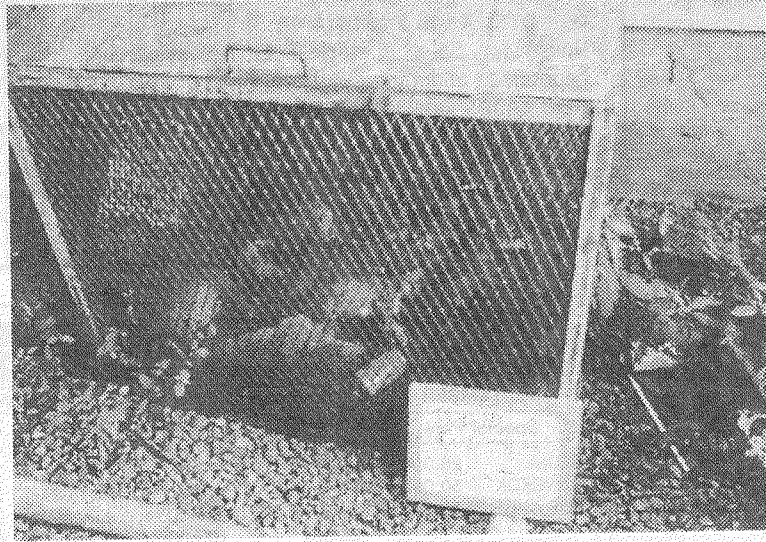
According to the group, about 5,000 pet dogs were abandoned

last year in Kagawa Prefecture alone. Most of the dogs were reportedly disposed of (killed) at public health centers.

The boxes are now laid at 105 locations in the prefecture.

A government spokesman said the prefecture has no plans to remove the boxes because doing so could increase the number of ownerless dogs.

The group also plans to establish a fund to provide pet lovers with financial assistance for sterilization of pets.



Dogs await their final reward in a Kagawa Prefecture dog disposal box.