

Anxious over an injured dog

Recently I enjoyed a pleasurable extended stay in Sendai with a group of American students.

While on a field trip, our bus was witness to an accident in which a dog was injured. Two men lifted the animal from the busy street and abandoned him on the sidewalk. Everyone on the bus was horrified. When we reached our destination we called one of the Japanese students' parents and she made some attempts to see if the dog had been cared for. But we were left with nagging doubts.

Later on we were told that there is no Humane Society but that perhaps each "ward" office would serve in that capacity.

The Japanese are such sensitive, compassionate people, I can't believe that there are no facilities/services available and that animals would be allowed to suffer.

The image of that animal with his head up and his back legs pitifully splayed has marred what was otherwise a wonderful trip.

Please help me relieve my anxiety.

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