

LAW CONCERNING THE PROTECTION AND CONTROL OF ANIMALS

(Law No. 105, October 1, 1973)

(Purpose)

Article 1. The purpose of this Law is to prescribe matters relating to the prevention of cruelty to animals, the appropriate treatment of animals and other matters relating to the protection of animals, and to engender a feeling of love for animals among the people, thereby contributing to the development of respect for life and sentiments of amity and peace; and to prescribe matters relating to the control of animals, thereby preventing harm being done by animals to human life, body and property.

(Fundamental Principle)

Article 2. All people must not only refrain from killing, injuring, and inflicting cruelty upon animals, but they must also treat animals properly, taking their natural habits into account.

("Be Kind to Animals" Week)

Article 3. "Be Kind to Animals" Week shall be established in order to enhance interest and understanding among the people concerning the protection and proper methods of keeping animals.

2. "Be Kind to Animals" Week shall be from September 20 through 26.

3. During "Be kind to Animals" Week, the Government and local public bodies should hold functions appropriate to the aims of the said week.

(Proper Care and Custody)

Article 4. The owner or possessor of an animal should maintain the health and safety of the animal by caring for or keeping the animal in a proper manner, and