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Supplementary Provisions

(Date of Enforcement)

1. This Law shall come into force on the day six months after the day this Law is promulgated.

(Amendment to the Minor Offenses Law)

2. The Minor Offenses Law (Law No. 39, 1948) shall be amended as follows: Item 21 of Article 1 shall be deleted.

(Amendment to the Law for Establishing the Prime Minister's Office)

3. The Law for Establishing the Prime Minister's Office (Law No. 127, 1949) shall be amended as follows:
The following item shall be added after item 16-3 in Article 6:

16-4 Matters relating to the enforcement of the Law Concerning the Protection and Control of Animals (Law No. 105, 1973).

The following shall be added after the Central Traffic Safety Council in the table in paragraph 1 of Article 15:

Animal Protection Council	The conduct of matters falling within its jurisdiction under the provisions of the Law Concerning the Protection and Control of Animals.
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(Amendment to the Rabies Prevention Law)

4. The Rabies Prevention Law (Law No. 247, 1950) shall be amended as follows:
Article 5-2 shall be deleted.

(Interim Measures Relating to Penalties)

5. Application of penalties to acts committed before the enforcement of this law shall follow precedent.

STANDARDS FOR THE KEEPING AND CUSTODY OF DOGS AND CATS

(Notification No. 28, July 16, 1975 of the Prime Minister's Office)

I. General Principles

1. The owner or possessor of a dog or cat should understand the instincts, habits, and physiology of dogs or cats as the case may be, should protect said dog or cat with the affection due a family member, and should keep and look after the dog or cat in a responsible manner so as to prevent it from injuring human life, body, or property and so that it does not damage the living environment; and the owner of a dog or cat should keep the dog or cat for the whole of its natural life.

2. These standards may not apply in part where prefectures, etc. have taken custody of dogs and cats under the provisions of paragraphs 1 and 2 of Article 7 of the Law Concerning the Protection and Control of Animals (hereinafter called "the Law"), where dogs and cats have been taken into custody under the provision of paragraph 2 of Article 8 of the Law, or dogs impounded under the provision of paragraph 1 of Article 6 of the Rabies Prevention Law (Law No. 249, 1950), and where the owners or possessors of dogs and cats have used said dogs and cats for such purposes as education, experimental research, the manufacture of biotics, and other scientific purposes.

II. Maintenance of Health and Safety

1. Food and water

The owner or possessor of a dog or cat should provide the dog or cat with food and water in a proper