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Last Resort Taken Against Stray Dogs

SHIRAKO, Chiba — A local public health center has exterminate packs of strays accused of endangering the lives of residents.

The

only one stray animal having fallen victim to the poison.

The number of domestic dogs dumped in the area by tourists coming to the popular Kujukuri-ma resort near Shirako now is at an estimated 200.

summer's end two women have reportedly been by stray dogs.

ary school student home was also attacked by one of the animals, according to the head of the Kishi local government. Yuichi Ima-

one in the area.

Poison bait warning signs placed at the sites while officials turn keeping guard over traps.

However, a heavy rain halted efforts the same night, with

year, the Moba Center had set traps to catch the six were netted over a month. According to a local ordinance,

the use of poison to eliminate stray dogs is permitted as a last resort, provided non-lethal attempts to make sure it is conducted safely.

A health center spokesman commented, "We have notified the public and dog owners of the campaign by circular, and we intend to make sure it is conducted safely."

"Animal preservation groups have protested the action. But, considering that we must also

respect human life, this is the only way of dealing with this problem," the spokesman said.

But Ryu Ota, head of a national animal welfare group, commented, "It is not the dogs that are at fault, but the people who bring them to the seaside for a holiday and dump them there. Killing dogs because they are strays violates animal welfare laws. Unless an outbreak of rabies is involved, there is no need for these emergency measures."

Elizabeth, good morning
again. What do you
think of this. It's talk
about it on Monday. Mas