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Governor of Fukui Prefecture  
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Dear Mr Nishikawa

**Reference: Cruel treatment of dogs.**

I write on behalf of my fellow trustees, the membership and supporters of the above Society to express our concern about the welfare of the large number of dogs which are kept at Ikegami 115-2-2, Mikuni-cho, Sakai-city, Fukui 913-0001. We are reliably informed that the dogs are being bred commercially for the pet trade and that conditions within this establishment are over-crowded and insanitary and totally lacking in the required standard of management.

The neglect and suffering of the dogs at this establishment was brought to our attention by concerned people who assisted with emergency care of the dogs when the alleged owner was detained by the Police in December 2017. The premises were described to us as a 'Hell-Hole'. This emergency situation was immediately referred to the Japan Animal Welfare Society in Tokyo, requesting that they investigate and take actions from the Japanese legal and political point of view. Photographic, video and expert opinions obtained at the premises clearly describe a situation that would be contrary to UK Legislation and render the person responsible and the owner of the animals liable for prosecution by the Local Authorities or Police. Convictions for such offences can result in financial penalties, disqualification and deprivation of ownership of the animals.

We feel most strongly that the circumstances and inhumane treatment of animals, and some of the workers, at this inhumane commercial dog breeding premises needs to be urgently addressed and that we respectfully request that your intervention and initiative in this particular case is urgently required

I am most grateful to you for taking the time to read this letter and consider how you might improve this situation.

Yours sincerely,

Anthony Crittenden - Chairman

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