

The problems behind the system of subsidy for contraceptive operation (From the negotiation of 4/11)

To take humanitarian action in decreasing strayed cats, contraceptive operations are the most important along with the cooperation of many citizens.

Case 1

Mrs. Nakamura who lives in Tokyo went to the Kawasaki city health and welfare bureau to apply for subsidy.

Mrs. Nakamura

"There are 100 strayed cats in the park and they are in the bleeding period. I can come to Kawasaki and have them undergo the contraceptive operations. Can I apply for the subsidy?"

Kawasaki city health and welfare bureau

"No, you can't. Because you don't live in Kawasaki."

Problem

Assuming that the charge for the operation is 20,000yen, even if the subsidies (3000yen per one cat) are allocated, he/she will have to pay 1700000 yen (17000 yen × 100 cats). The subsidy should be allotted wherever he/she lives. It is not reasonable to cheat by using somebody's name who lives in Kawasaki. After all, Mrs. Nakamura gave up applying for subsidy.

Case 2

What if I (Yui) who lives in Kawasaki go to apply?

No designated hospital in Kawasaki can accept the operations for 100 cats. Yui's cooperative hospital is in Yamato city. The subsidy is not available.

Problem from case 2 There are few designated hospital to accept many strayed cats because of the problem of the number, the cost, or the technique. Unless the subsidy is available for every hospital, the operation can't be executed.

Case 3

Besides, the subsidy is restricted to 3 cats per one person. If there are 100 cats, we have to gather about 33 people to complete all operations. Now, the volunteers are struggling to take care of these cats in the number of the hundredths, the subsidies for only 3 cats are too helpless.

Problem from case 3 The objective for contraceptive operation is the decrease of strayed cats, so it is irrelevant to set the restriction for the subsidy. For example, if there is even one person that can take on all of the operations, the objective could be achieved.

It is not significant to argue how many cats can be allotted the subsidies, or, how many people are needed to complete all operations. Of course, the more cats there are, the more charge you must bear. Therefore, the subsidy should be allotted without restriction.