

## A brutal animal abuser was caught in Korea but some hundred-dollar fine is the only legal punishment for him.

On a peaceful Sunday morning (January 17th), there was a shocking TV on the air (Seoul Broadcasting System), which has been putting thousands of Korean people in panic and mental turmoil. It was about a man who had abused 8 puppies in a rash of almost unimaginable and unspeakable cruelty.

A few strangely injured puppies had been found on the street for a while in December, 2009 in the Songpa area in Seoul. The type of injuries were so similar in fashion of disfigurement that people couldn't help but think they were inflicted by the same person.



## < Puppies found in pain >



The guy burned these puppies with a lighter: especially the more sensitive parts of skin like the belly, nose and eyes.

A Maltese got so badly burned that its white hair turned black when it was found on the street.





He tied this dog's snout very tightly for a long time causing the coil to cut into his flesh. He was bleeding a lot when it was found.







No nails!: when these puppies were found, even all of their nails were pulled out! (It was revealed that that guy pulled them out with a pincher.)





A brown poodle who was found dead while this program was being shot, 3 pieces of cutter knives were found in his dead body.





Some of the neighbors were interviewed and they said they had heard dogs loudly barking and also continuously whimpering.

There were even witnesses who said they saw a man dump a Shih Tzu puppy into a garbage can designated for food. The puppy was still alive for a while but eventually succumbed to its injuries. One of the neighbors heard a puppy cry in the same garbage can a few days later. When he opened it, he noticed a second Shih Tzu crying and was buried halfway in the food garbage. The neighbor rescued the puppy and adopted it into their home.

Another witness told the TV staff members that he had seen the man beating two puppies with his fist, kicking them, twisting their neck and throwing them against the wall.

One of those puppies died in the end.





This is the brown poodle  
whose belly had knives  
which made him not eat  
anything and kept  
vomiting blood.



This one died a day after  
it was found.





Every week, a half-dead puppy was found.

This area (Songpa in Seoul) is where those tortured puppies were located.

The guy confessed to torturing 8 puppies in total.







He first denied his crimes. He even got mad insisting he was a dog lover. He claimed that the people who insisted that they saw him abuse his dogs were all crazy.

But when he got called by the police, he confessed what he had done. He bought puppies online, tortured them in the most brutal ways, and discarded them. He said he had abused 8 puppies in all.

Hundreds of thousands of Korean animal lovers are furious at his inhumane behavior. Unfortunately, the law against animal abuse in Korea is too weak. It says maximum \$5,000 fine, but there has been hardly anyone who paid that much money. For example, the guy who got caught for having abused his puppy for 6 months by breaking almost all his bones, feeding him rotten maggot-filled food garbage on hot summer days paid less than \$300 only.

Many Koreans were furious at this person and are still in shock, deep in sorrow. It's been said that Korean Animal Protection Law has to be totally revised but it hasn't been accepted legally yet. Many are saying that it's high time to take real action.

It has been a few days past since we watched the program on TV, but the image of the brown poodle has been lingering in the head of everybody who saw him wandering on the street. We don't know how much pain he had to suffer from having his eye, nose, and mouth burned by a lighter. We can't fathom how painful it was when his nails were pulled with a pair of pinchers. We can't imagine how much hurt it was to have holes in its stomach from ingesting a cutter knife. What was he thinking about when he escaped from the man's house and wandered around the street with his hunched back, toeless feet, and burned face? His eyes were still crystal clear, even one of them was buried in its burnt skin. In those eyes, we couldn't find any anger or resentment. He even didn't refuse to be embraced by a person again.

It might be considered a shame for Koreans to publish this story outside of Korea but we do think that there is no national boundary in helping abused animals and in making things right. Many Koreans have already started to take actions, and hope to see a fundamental change in Animal Protection Law in Korea as well as no such abuse in this country. We ask all of you for your attention and help on this matter!



Note: All Photos used here are captured from a TV program, "TV 동물농장 (TV Animal Farm)," aired in January 17 on SBS, Korea.