

Dog Aid Program Now International

Publicity about food shortages for Alaska's village sled dogs brought offers of aid from London, England this week.

The International Society for the Protection of Animals in London has announced a shipment of tons of Purina dog food to Alaska. The International Civil Defense Society, also of London, has inquired about the need for food.

Jack Murphy, Civil Defense Director for Fairbanks, said

that Jack Walsh of the Boston office of the International Society for the Protection of Animals had contacted him last Monday about the need for food.

Following publicity about the problem in the London newspapers last Sunday, the Society's headquarters in London sent word that it was supplying the food.

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shortage may be coming. Yesterday Hope Ryden of the American Broadcasting Co., in New York called for information of the problem.

Murphy said that he would be coordinator for distributing the dog food, and it would be sent to the villages that had the greatest need for it.

A spokesman for the Bureau of Indian Affairs says that the severe problem exists in Stevens Village, Venetie, Chalkyitsik, Arctic Village, and Canyon Village. The shortage was caused by a low catch of dog salmon

this summer.

The BIA spokesman also reported a meat shortage for people at Arctic Village and Canyon Village, caused by the caribou not migrating so far south this year.

The BIA is helping in these problems by sending purchase orders (to be used in purchasing groceries), sending some dog food, and enlarging welfare payments made by the bureau.

"You cannot do a kindness too soon because you never know how soon it will be too late."

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