

Elizabeth Anne Oliver

Born in 1940 in Weston-super-Mare, Somerset, England
Educated at Malvern Girls' College, Worcestershire
Nottingham University, Faculty of Agriculture, Dairying
1965 Came to Japan for the first time via Russia and China
1966 One year at School of Oriental and African Studies, London University studying Japanese
1968 Returned to Japan. Took up position as a lecturer at Osaka University of Technology, also taught at Konan Women's College and Kobe Foreign language University
1990 Founded ARK, Animal Refuge Kansai to help homeless animals with shelter in Nose, Osaka.
1995 The Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake. 600 animals rescued. Quit teaching to work at ARK full time
1999 ARK became an NPO
2005 Tokyo ARK founded
2011 Tohoku Earthquake and Tsunami, 200 + animals rescued
2012 Awarded MBE by Queen Elizabeth for services to animal welfare and civil society in Japan
2013 Japan Pet Award
2014 Start of new facility in Sasayama
2014 Awarded "Clarissa Baldwin International Award for Excellence in Animal Welfare" at the International Companion Animal Conference in Istanbul, organised by Dogs Trust.
2016 Awarded Japan-British Society of the Kansai Social Contribution Award
2016 ARK gained Nintei (Certified NPO status)

About ARK.

ARK currently has a shelter in Nose town, Osaka prefecture caring for dogs and cats. In the past we have also cared for pigs, silver foxes, tanuki, goats, rabbits, ducks, ponies and chicken. Our aim is to rescue, rehabilitate, given medical care, vaccinations, neutering, micro-chipping and to find each animal a caring, safe and loving home. ARK Tokyo is mainly an office for fund-raising and PR. Animals are kept with foster families and brought to rehoming events. Our new facility in Sasayama is still being built but already has kennel blocks built to the highest standard of international design. We welcome volunteers to help our staff and have many coming from all over Japan and the world.

Publications

Live and let Live - textbook, some parts used by Ministry of Education as school textbook
Best Friends. Translated into Japanese about how I came to Japan and the history of ARK
Home Sweet Home. Stories of animals which came to ARK

Rescue. Story of ARK

Interests

Gardening

Crosswords

Visiting Japanese hot springs