Animal Refuge Kansai is delighted to announce that founder and Director Elizabeth Oliver, has been honoured by Her Majesty the Queen Elizabeth and the British Government and appointed Member of The Order of the British Empire.

The Order of the British Empire recognizes distinguished service to the arts and sciences, public services outside the Civil Service and work with charitable and welfare organisations of all kinds.

The ARK community extends its warmest congratulations to Elizabeth on the occasion of this important and well deserved award. The award not only provides prestigious recognition of a lifetime dedicated to the welfare of animals, but also acknowledges ARK's relevance on a global scale.

May this recognition and honour of Elizabeth's work be an inspiration to all of us to continue our efforts in support of ARK.

ARK is proud to announce that Elizabeth Oliver has been awarded an MBE in the 2012 Birthday Honours List, by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, in recognition of her services to animal welfare and civil society in Japan. The Honours List is published in the London Gazette and other UK national newspapers.

Added information (if you think it necessary)

MBE stands for Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire and is awarded to individuals by the Queen for their service to the country and community.