



Great Hanshin Earthquake caused such loss of life and damage to the Hanshin area. Suddenly we were thrust into a crisis situation and in one year accepted about 600 animal victims. We had to increase our facilities three-fold to cope. Through this traumatic experience ARK matured and grew.

Now the path lies ahead and we have to consider what future course to take, which way we should grow in the next decade. But in order to secure our future, it is important to get ARK established as a formal organization or charity. Until last year it was very difficult (and expensive) to get charity status

(shadan hojin or zaidan hojin). A new law for NPOs (Non-Profit Organizations) has made the whole process easier and even small volunteer groups can become an NPO. ARK has applied through Osaka Prefecture for NPO status and the result will be known in September. This new status will give ARK more credibility in this society and should ensure its continuity and stability into the future.

I would like to thank everyone, members, sponsors, supporters, staff, and volunteers for all their wonderful support and help through these past years, without which ARK could not continue its work for animals in need.

Further details of ARK's new organizational structure, including the names of our Trustees will appear in our next newsletter.

Elizabeth Oliver

アークTシャツ制作決定お知らせ

会員の皆様からご要望の多かった、アークオリジナルのTシャツの制作が決定致しました。Tシャツのイラストは、ニュースレターのイラストや漫画でもお馴染みの、スタッフの小椋聡さんが担当致しました。デザインは4種類で、それぞれにアークからのメッセージが込められています。アーク以外では、絶対に手に入りません。色も、ホワイト、ストーン、アスレチックヘザー、ブラックの中から選んで頂けます。サイズはS, M, Lをご用意しております。年内には、オーダーの受付を開始することが出来ると思いますので、皆様よろしくお願い致します。詳細に付きましては、追ってお知らせ致します。

Don't turn your back on me.



ARK ORIGINAL T-SHIRTS

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Lively, colourful and fun designs by Satoshi Ogura, make these T-shirts a "MUST" buy for yourself, your family and friends.

High-quality 100% cotton American T-shirts in 4 colours: white, black, stone and athletic heather. Sizes: S, M, L. Watch this space for more details.