

FAX to [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

15th May 1995

Already two weeks have passed since your fax arrived. Thanks for all the greetings and the earlier parcel.

Things have got if anything more hectic than before although more of a predictable pattern. This morning NHK aired a brief profile on the nationwide news of the work we're doing here as well as an appeal for new homes. We have now over two hundred dogs and about a hundred cats. Certainly this kind of PR is invaluable, the phone hasn't stopped ringing since. We'll also be on another channel tomorrow so hopefully we can shift a few. Japanese have remarkably short memories and the earthquake is already yesterday's news. A lot of people are still waiting to 'board' their pets when space becomes available. As we predicted they are now being forced by the demolition crews to move into temporary housing where they're not allowed to take their pets. The situation for people isn't much brighter. Hundreds are still living in tents in parks in what must be misery as the rainy season is upon us. All the focus is on building a brand new metropolis and earthquake victims are now regarded as blot on the landscape, hindering the clean-up.

No news of Ashley except she came over, together with John Walsh as very much the hero of the earthquake in the London JAWS newsletter. Not that many people read that. JAWS is finally getting round to building some more permanent structure instead of incarcerating the animals in cages. They (the animals) must surely have gone mad by now. Sanda too is building something after so many people got bitten. We'd like to know what they've both done with the huge amount of money they've accumulated.

Dave went back to the UK. He was off to join some commune in the wilds of Montana or somewhere but don't know whether he's gone. Sonia and Dawn's three months are up at the end of May and we have one more volunteer coming out then. Julie and Sara are here for another month and Anne-Marie has extended till the end of July. I think she's torn between helping here and her obligation to help Keenan's sister in Taegu. The situation there is grimmer than ever. That sanctuary has as many animals as we have and all kept on a roof top. I don't know how they cope, especially as nothing can be rehomed.

I'm going to have a short break in Seattle in the middle of June. To hell with the university. Since I've decided it is really my final year, I feel I can play truant once in a while. ARK too will just have to be M3 less for a bit, no doubt they'll cope.

Hope all goes well with you. Hope we can meet again sometime in a non-emergency situation.

*Love from 4-legged friends
& me. Elizabeth*