

THE LOST DOGS' HOME

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THE PETS OF KOBE - A PLEA FOR HELP

The plight of domestic animals in Kobe, following the recent disastrous earthquake and aftershocks, is still critical.

According to a report received by the Home, the disaster left literally tens of thousands of hungry, frightened, homeless and injured former pets in dire need of every kind of help.

Dogs still roam the streets, some with their chains still attached. Many cats struggle to survive in pitiful conditions with their fur and bodies burnt by fire.

The Ark Animal Refuge in Kansai has asked us to appeal to the supporters of the Home, and to all animal lovers in Australia for funds to help meet the enormous demand for food, shelter and veterinary care.

Specific projects under way now include building temporary housing for dogs and cats; purchase of food, medicines, blankets, cages, and other vital equipment, and the necessary transportation of animals to safe and well served areas.

General Manager Dr Graeme Smith, says that the Home is "only too willing" to encourage people to support the efforts of the beleaguered animal welfare workers in the disaster area".

"Those wishing to help should send their donations to the Home clearly marked "KOBE ANIMAL APPEAL". All donations will be forwarded to the Ark Animal Refuge without delay.

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Your help with this special appeal would be very much appreciated. Dr Cathy Noone or myself can be contacted for further information on 329 2755 or 018 376 841. Dr Noone has personal first hand knowledge of the work of the Ark Refuge.