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POST-KANSUIN EARTHQUAKE: UPDATE ON RELIEF EFFORTS

and for supporting efforts to rescue and care for animals affected by the January 17th earthquake in southern Hyogo Prefecture. The following is a brief update on JAVA's relief activities since between January 18-30. More details will be included in the next issues of JAVA ENGLISH NEWS.

REQUESTS TO NATIONAL & LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

January 17 - TV news reports a major earthquake in southern Hyogo Prefecture. Telephone communication with the entire Kansu region is cut off for one week. January 18 - JAVA telephones the Prime Minister's Office and makes an urgent request for animal relief in the affected area. Further requests for animal relief are FAXed to the Prime Minister's Office, the Ministry of Health & Welfare, Hyogo Prefecture's Center for Earthquake Countermeasures and various animal welfare organizations.

KEEPING THE NEWS MEDIA INFORMED

JAVA approaches various TV programs and newspapers, asking for help in rescuing and caring for animals affected by the quake and providing information on animal relief measures. The ASAHI SHIMBUN, the MAINICHI SHIMBUN, the YOMIURI SHIMBUN and other major national newspapers run articles on the subject.

ON-SITE SURVEYS

January 23 - JAVA staff members arrive in Kobe to survey damage and participate in relief efforts. They are accompanied by representatives of the WSPA, who rescue a dog that has been trapped for a week on the roof of a damaged 7-floor building in downtown Kobe. Video footage of the rescue is sent to the U.S.

JAVA asks the city of Kobe to provide accommodations for animal victims of the quake. The local government agrees to suspend its normal practice of euthanizing stray animals that aren't claimed within 10 days. JAVA asks the Hyogo Prefecture Association of Veterinary Surgeons to undertake organized relief measures. They reply that they have already set up a temporary headquarters and are in the process of determining a plan of action.

January 26 - The veterinarians open their animal rescue headquarters and begin offering temporary accommodation for pets, searching for pet owners, recruiting pet owners and dispensing information on veterinary hospitals and other matters.