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Dear [REDACTED]

We (both ARK and IFAW) are very concerned about a situation and wonder if you could perhaps talk to a few people.

JAWS, in conjunction with the Hyogo Prefecture and the Hyogo Prefecture Veterinary Association has opened a temporary shelter in Hyogo in which they have about 70 animals now and are planning to bring upto 200. (Incidentally, it has been reported that the vets charge 15,000 Yen to euthanize per animal, which smells of taking advantage of the situation).

The temporary shelter is what they call an agricultural structure, similar to the ones we are building here. Each structure measures appr. 25mX6m. and can hold 75-100 animals in a comfortable and humane manner. The problem with the Hyogo situation is that animals are kept in airline carrier size cages and are stacked on top of each other. This would be ok for 1 day, but, although the animals are being walked and the cages cleaned out, this method is not desirable.

Somebody from the Tokyo based Society for Nature and Animals was just here and said that the animals, who are obviously very traumatized by the earthquake, are shaking from stress. I consider this method used to be cruel and believe that, with the resources and connections of both JAWS and Hyogo Prefecture, there are still other options to be considered and tried out. A deal (I believe John Walsh worked on this) between Hyogo Prefecture and a land owner who was initially willing to let a parcel of land to house 5,000 animals has fallen through. The point is that there are a lot of abandoned factory properties in the Hyogo Prefecture and with the Hyogo Pref.'s resources I cannot imagine that they could not get one or more of those to use or let.

Although I am not sure what you can do, perhaps you have contacts with JAWS UK and can find out a few things. It is still very difficult to contact JAWS people here because people are moving about and are busy. In addition, for political reasons it may be best if such inquiries come from "outside".

Any assistance you could give will be greatly appreciated. I owe you a big one!!

Thanks very much

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