

ARK ANIMAL REFUGE KANSAI

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We are an animal shelter in the mountains north of Osaka, Japan, and have bought your merchandise for many years, from boots and jackets to dog leashes and other pet products. We have been so happy that we actually got the local police department to use your clothing.

At the moment we are caught in the earthquake crisis. While our property was not badly damaged, we are working very hard to take in animals from the damaged area. As you can imagine, this is quite a job, especially because we are dealing with animals who are severely traumatized and, in some cases, injured. We are bringing in extra volunteer help to feed and exercise the animals, try to find their owners and, in cases where the owners cannot be found or have given their pets up because they are homeless themselves, find new homes. We are the only shelter in western Japan that is no-kill. We believe that the animals have suffered enough and deserve a chance of a happy life.

We are appealing to companies and individuals for donations and goods and would be extremely grateful if L.L. Bean could donate some warm clothing and boots for our staff and volunteers. The snow season is upon us and it is very cold. If you wish, donations could be made in name of IFAW (International Fund for Animal Welfare) who has charity status in the US and can send you a receipt for tax purposes.

We hope you can help us and we are looking forward to hearing from you.