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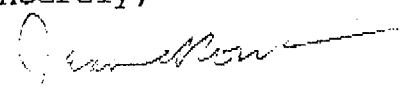
Dear Mr. Miyazawa:

On behalf of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals and our 500,000 members worldwide, I implore you to take steps to care for the animal victims of the Kobe earthquake. Dogs and cats rely on their human caretakers for food, shelter, and emotional comfort. In turn, many humans find comfort, and relief from stress in the presence of an animal companion.

At this time of great tragedy and confusion, humans and their animal companions need each other more than ever. Please allow earthquake victims to keep their animals with them in the temporary shelters. I understand that the affected cities and prefectures are currently setting their own official or unofficial policies concerning dogs and cats. Many will not allow animals in the emergency housing units. Clearly, the Prime Minister's leadership is necessary put in place a uniform policy that would take the needs of both humans and animals into account.

If the government works together with private citizens, families will be spared the painful loss of a beloved animal, and the animals can be spared pain, fear, hunger, and an uncertain future. Please do not allow the victims of this tragedy to suffer an additional, unnecessary loss.

Sincerely,



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