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TO: [REDACTED], PETA.
FROM: Elizabeth Oliver, Animal Refuge Kansai.
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RE: Earthquake

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your fax requesting information on the animal situation following the earthquake.

Types of animals most affected are companion animals (mainly dogs & cats but perhaps some exotic animals). Over 20,000 homes have been destroyed with many more damaged - we estimate that at least 50% of people have pets. Most dogs are kept chained. Reports are coming in of loose dogs roaming the streets, some with chains still attached. Homeless families are starting to ring ARK needing somewhere to house their dogs. We have no news of damage to Oji Zoo in Kobe.

People from WSPA are arriving at the weekend and the Japan Anti Vivisection Society have asked the Government to set up an emergency office to coordinate financial and material aid (including food, cages & medicines) for homeless animals. JAVA have requested that animals should be held for a longer period while their owners are sought (normally public pounds kill after 3 days).

The following request for help was sent to WSPA:

What we need:

*Funding for hire and erection of a prefabricated building for emergency housing of animals. (including cost of fencing and erection - building can be rented for around ¥100,000 a month - maybe needed for 6 months or more).

There are no other animal shelters apart from ARK and JAWS to provide help - both shelters are already overflowing.

* Food, medicines, blankets, bowls & buckets (can all be purchased locally).

* Most importantly - people. (Obviously they need to be experienced with animal care and have to be able to drive. They will need living/ traveling and accommodation expenses).

* Money and help with media publicity to find animals' owners and/or appeal for new homes.

• Money for vets bills.

ARK can offer:

* Land to build temporary emergency housing for animals (subject to landlords' consent).

* The use of 2 vehicles.

* Good contacts with local vets (although we still have to pay normal fees).

* Self catering accommodation for 4 people.

* One volunteer at ARK is willing to extend her stay in Japan to help with rescue operations if you can pay her return airfare to England.

I hope this information is of some use and I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours Sincerely,

Elizabeth Oliver,
Animal Refuge Kansai.