

INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR ANIMAL WELFARE

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ANIMAL APPEAL TO LANDOWNERS

An animal rescue team working in the Kobe earthquake area has made an urgent appeal for land where they can build temporary shelters for dogs and cats rescued from the rubble.

The International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW) is coordinating rescue work involving hundreds of animals - mostly dogs and cats. Based at the Animal Rescue Kansai sanctuary (ARK) at Nose Cho near Osaka, the IFAW team have already arranged extra buildings there but have run out of space.

IFAW coordinator Annemieke Roell said: "We are desperate to find suitable land to put up more animal shelters. The task here is enormous with animals coming in daily. We only need the land on a temporary basis."

Ideally any site should be mountain land, preferably with a building already in situ in the Hyogo area near Osaka, Kyoto or Nara would also be suitable. Alternatively, offers of land in the Amagasaki, Osaka City, Himeji or Itami areas would be welcome.

"It is vital that we have suitable accommodation available to take care of these animals. Many are injured and all are severely traumatised. We would be most grateful if anyone could help us out by letting us use their land temporarily," said Ms Roell.

Anyone who has land to offer should call ARK on 0727 37 0712.

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