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Disaster Coordinator, WSPA.

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RE: Earthquake Aid

Dear Donna,

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

* Types of animals most affected are companion animals (mainly dogs & cats but also maybe some exotic animals). Over 10,000 homes have been destroyed with many more damaged - we estimate that at least 50% of people have pets. Most dogs are kept chained. We have no news of damage to Oji Zoo in Kobe - all the phone lines are down.

* There was no damage at ARK but we have yet to make contact with the only other shelter in the area (Japan Animal Welfare Society) - phone lines are still down.

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 accomodation 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,

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