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Haiti

WSPA – World Society For The Protection of Animals – 2010 Haiti Earthquake

Animal Shelter · Open

Animal Rescue/Disaster Relief

WSPA USA: Lincoln Plaza, 89 South Street, Suite 201, Boston, MA 21110, Port–au–Prince

Phone 617–896–9214 or toll free 800–883–9772
Web www.wspa–international.org/latestnews/2010/haitian_government_requests_wspa_aid.aspx
Serves Haiti, Caribbean
Eligibility Animals of Disaster
Service Temporary

Haiti: A six month update
Jul 13, 2010

http://www.wspa–international.org/latestnews/2010/haiti–a–six–month–update.aspx

FROM THE BLOG 1/23/10:

At the Gateway to Haiti
Late on Thursday, we landed in Santo Domingo (in the Dominican Republic).

Normally this city, referred to as the 'Gateway to the Caribbean', is a typical seafarers' town. But now it is occupying news headlines around the world as the 'Gateway to Haiti', a far less romantic association perhaps, but a truly vital one. Aid agencies from around the world are gathering here, preparing to enter Haiti from this 'safe corridor', though we now hear that the sea port into Haiti has been opened and secured by the US military as well. Hopefully this will mean that the cargo ships full of aid that have been anchored off the coast will be able to push through even more aid.

I wonder how many facets of this reality we will find when we finally enter Haiti. The ARCH team have now made arrangements for a plane to fly us in to Haiti, and we expect to be taking off for Port au Prince on Saturday.

Haitian government requests WSPA aid
Jan 21, 2010

WSPA is leading the Animal Relief Coalition for Haiti (ARCH) team, comprised of international animal welfare groups, in preparation for swift deployment following a request for immediate assistance from the government of Haiti.

After discussing the desperate animal welfare situation with Haitian officials, WSPA was asked to deploy staff to help with the emergency relief operation 'as soon as possible'.

In response, Gerardo Huertas, our Director of Disaster Management for the Americas, is expected to be on the ground this Saturday, 23 January, along with the rest of the ARCH team.

We will be ready to treat companion animals, such as dogs, as well as any farm animals we find in the vicinity of Port–au–Prince.

Clear need
In his official letter to WSPA, Haiti's Director of Inspection and Vigilance for the Environment outlined the clear and immediate need for animal welfare professionals on the island.

He wrote, "given the magnitude of the disaster suffered by Haiti, putting the country under great risk of infecto–contagious diseases spread and possible animal epidemic outbreaks … both the Agriculture Department and the Environmental Department… have agreed that WSPA aid is very important… (and) suggest that WSPA should organise a trip to Haiti as soon as possible."

With your help, we can deliver the aid needed to treat injured animals and prevent outbreaks of disease. Please donate >>

Ready at a moment's notice
"Over the last few days, WSPA's team of highly trained emergency relief staff have been preparing for just such an opportunity," says Gerardo.

"We have put together the equipment and medicines that we expect will be needed in Haiti and are flying in to Santo Domingo today, in order to proceed into Port–au–Prince at the earliest possible opportunity."

He explains the significance of the Environmental Department's letter: "This official request from the Haitians makes me even more confident that we, and our colleagues joining the coordinated ARCH effort, will be in Haiti very shortly and will be able to complete a first–hand assessment of the situation on the ground."

Working together for animals

WSPA and the International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW) came together to form ARCH shortly after the first terrible earthquake rocked Haiti on 12 January 2010.

We are coordinating efforts with our colleagues in the field to animal welfare to ensure both that all animal welfare organisations responding Haiti's hour of need work together and that emergency aid reaches as many animals as possible, in as short a time as possible.

Please help us help Haiti's animals by making a donation >>

Follow WSPA's work in Haiti as it happens with our disaster management blog:

http://www.animalsindisasters.typepad.com/

Services offered: Animals, Animal Care Services * (ANY/ALL Types); Animals, Medical, Supplies, * Veterinary Supplies * (ANY/ALL Types); Animals, Medical, Veterinary Care/Services; Demographic Served: Animals; Donations, Disaster Fund; First Responder, Animal Rescue ; First Responder, Carribean Region; Information Resource, Online Networking, Blog; Shelter, Animals, Small Pet/Animal Emergency/Evacuation Shelter; Shelter * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: 2010 Haiti Earthquake; ARCH (Animal Relief Coalition for Haiti); Humane Society International; Humane Society of the United States, The; IFAW ~ International Fund for Animal Welfare
Updated Nov 2, 2010 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/5137

American Humane Society – Red Star Animal Emergency Services (2011 Japan Earthquake/Tsunami)

Animal Shelter · Open

Animal Disaster Response
NATIONAL HQ: 63 Inverness Drive East; Englewood, CO 80112

Phone	1–800–227–4645 or (303) 792–9900
Web	www.americanhumane.org/protecting–animals/programs/animal–emergency–services/haiti–earthquake–response.html
Serves	Haiti
Eligibility	Animals of Disaster
Service	Temporary

3/16/11 Update from the site:

Thank you for your concern about the animals affected by the disasters in Japan and our role in assisting them. How is this your opportunity to help right now? We know from experience that numerous animals are affected by this type of disaster, so we also know there is a need for financial and other resources to help those animals. Initiating the fundraising prior to the specific needs of the animals, shelters and communities being identified saves time and possibly lives. It will enable us to apply those funds immediately to the efforts to help animals in Japan, as soon as reputable organizations are officially invited in, appropriate local Japanese partners are identified, and specific plans are implemented to help the animals.

Why aren't we in Japan right now? Due to the safety risks and the primary focus on saving people's lives, the Japanese government has not yet allowed even Japanese organizations to begin large–scale animal rescue operations. However, discussions are currently ongoing between our international partner organizations and the appropriate governmental agencies to obtain invitations to deploy to the stricken areas with animal rescue teams. It is the policy of American Humane Association and other legitimate animal welfare organizations to not deploy without a formal invitation from the responsible government/agency. This policy is for the safety of the people who risk their lives to save people and animals in disaster situations, as well as for the safety of the human victims who are still awaiting help from rescuers. American Humane Association's Red Star Animal Emergency Services teams are ready to deploy and have been on stand–by since the disaster occurred. They were in Haiti after the 2010 earthquake, and have extensive "boots on the ground" experience with this type of global relief effort.

Regarding the donations that are being received by American Humane Association, I can assure you that 100 percent of the donations received for Japan animal relief will go to helping the animal victims in Japan. That means American Humane Association will not even take a portion of donations to cover our actual administrative costs. Every single dollar raised goes to the animals in Japan. In the event that we are not able to deploy our Red Star Animal Emergency Services team to Japan to assist the animals directly, we will grant the funds we receive to the appropriate agencies that are providing animal emergency relief services in Japan.

American Humane Association's Red Star Animal Emergency Services has been providing emergency relief for animals in disasters and other emergencies since 1916, including locations overseas. When the disaster in Japan occurred, we immediately began inquiring into how the animal victims could be helped. Our fundraising effort is a critical step in preparing to provide the vital support that Japan's animal victims so desperately need. We share your sense of urgency, and are heartbroken over the tragedy. Thank you for your help and for your generous contributions in this time of need.

3/11/11 FROM THE SITE:

People in Japan are suffering –– and so are their animals.

You've heard the news reports. This morning an 8.9–magnitude earthquake and a powerful tsunami hit Japan. Hundreds have died, and more are missing or displaced.

We don't yet know how many lives this disaster will affect, but we all know we want to help.

At American Humane Association, our thoughts and prayers are with the individuals, both human and animal, who are affected by this tragedy. Our Red Star Animal Emergency Services™ team –– which has a nearly century–long legacy of animal relief –– is closely monitoring the situation, and is reaching out to our international partners in an effort to provide a joint response to this global emergency.

What can you do to help?

We have set up a relief fund to help animal victims of this tragedy and other disasters. Your donation will help to provide shelter and care for the animals caught in this catastrophic event.

FROM THE WEBSITE:

Haiti Earthquake Response

The devastating earthquake in Haiti brought tragedy to the region, and our thoughts and prayers are with all those who have been affected. As scores of relief agencies and government resources have already mobilized to help the people caught in the situation, American Humane and other groups are turning attention to the animals that are suffering as well.

American Humane is part of the Animal Relief Coalition for Haiti (ARCH), a coalition of professional animal welfare organizations formed to provide emergency response services for animals affected by the tragic earthquake. American Humane has provided significant funding to ARCH, which is led by the World Society for the Protection of Animals (WSPA) and the International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW). Currently, our international coalition is preparing a mobile animal clinic and staff to perform outreach work in Haiti, with training provided by ARCH. Our coalition also will be assessing and assisting with the needs of animals belonging to people displaced by the disaster, as they move into temporary camps. Plans include providing food and clean water, as well as vaccinating companion animals against rabies.

Donate now to support our efforts to help animals in Haiti and future disasters.

Updated Reports
Debrah Schnackenberg, American Humane's vice president of the Animal Protection Division and director of Animal Emergency Services, is providing updates on American Humane's and ARCH's efforts to help animals in Haiti.

Feb. 12 Update
Hundreds of Animals Treated

Approximately 20 ARCH team members have been in Haiti conducting assessment and rescue/relief work. As of early February, the coalition had treated more than 1,300 animals, including nearly 400 dogs and cats, with cases ranging from malnutrition, mange, fleas, ticks and worms, to tumor removals, wound sutures and other treatments. In the first stage of response, a top priority also was to visit the tent cities, where thousands of people and animals had been surviving with very few resources. The team has now also gone to more–rural areas and treated hundreds of farm animals, including goats, sheep, pigs and cows. Livestock received anthrax vaccine, all dogs and cats were given rabies vaccines. Animals received primary health care plus de–worming and vitamins. The coalition plans to remain in Haiti for an extended duration and work with the government to ensure that all ARCH funds are used appropriately.

Tracy Reis, American Humane's Animal Emergency Services program manager, had been in Haiti for a week, tending to animals with the ARCH team. On Feb. 3, she completed her assignment there and traveled back to the U.S., heading directly to Marshall County, Miss., where she took part in a puppy mill seizure and the sheltering and transport of 95 rescued dogs. After the last dog was put on a plane bound for the ASPCA in New York and, ultimately, to a new home, Tracy finally returned home herself, for some well–deserved rest.
Update Reports

In the first weeks after our emergency response began, Debrah Schnackenberg, American Humane's vice president of the Animal Protection Division and director of Animal Emergency Services, provided frequent updates on American Humane's and ARCH's efforts to help animals in Haiti.

Feb. 2
Outreach Work to Treat Animals Continues

An update on Dik the dog from yesterday's blog: The good news is that the ARCH team and one of our local partner veterinarians made a visit back to Dik's new home yesterday morning to give him a thorough veterinary exam and treat him. It's clear that Dik took a battering in the collapse of his home –– he has back injuries, but they don't appear to be severe. The exam showed how tender and sore he remains now, even weeks later. He received anti–inflammatory medication along with the other medical care the team has been delivering, and the report is that they think Dik will do well from here on out. What good news for a dog that has been through a lot!

Finishing Dik's exam, the team headed out to revisit several of the tent cities where they had made appointments to meet the locals and provide veterinary care for their animals. In each location, people showed up seeking vaccinations, antibiotics, flea dusts and other medical care for their dogs, cats and assorted livestock. This effort has been so successful that the team on the ground and the new ARCH team members who are rotating in this week will continue this outreach work.

This short message from Tracy in Haiti came in to my email today, and I wanted to share it with all of you:

“We just treated a dog that was displaced [from her owner] by the quake, and another man is caring for her. He told us that when she looked at him, he knew she missed her owners. He [said he] felt bad because she was sad. He was taking good care of her, and what a wonderful heart he has [for her]. Had to swallow really hard when he told us that.”

We know that dogs in Haiti aren’t regarded as pets in quite the same way that most people regard them here in the States. It’s a different culture, and differences are to be expected. But the stories I continue to hear from Tracy and the ARCH team on the ground are of large groups of people showing up day after day, taking the trouble to bring the animals they have with them to receive the veterinary and first–aid care the team is making available to them. There are a lot of people in those tent cities who have lost everything –– but they still have animals with them and they are making efforts to ensure that they receive care. It’s these stories that make my day because it speaks as much about the resilience of the people as it does about their concern for animal care. They are survivors, all of them.

Feb. 1
Treating More Animals; Two Dogs’ Stories

It was an extremely busy weekend for Tracy and the ARCH team on the ground in Port–au–Prince. Friday morning was occupied with a meeting with a top official from the Haitian Ministry of Environment, and then Tracy and staff from IFAW and ASPCA deployed into some of the previously identified “high need” areas of the city. On a daily basis, the team has been assisting about 50 dogs a day, and some smaller numbers of cats and livestock, with antibiotics, vaccinations, flea baths and nutritional supplements. Tracy advised me last night that yesterday they had treated 44 dogs, 13 cats and 7 pigs and did a field suture on a dog that had been injured in a dogfight.

In the past couple of days, the team has been admitted into the tent cities where earthquake refugees are taking shelter until the threat of aftershocks subsides and they can begin the task of rebuilding. Admittance to the tent cities has required special permission, so we were glad we could get this accomplished at last. Yesterday morning was spent in one of the tent cities, where the team also worked on Saturday to continue vaccinating and providing field veterinary care for the animals there. While there, the team watched as the displaced locals scrambled to keep a food truck from leaving their area by climbing on the back of the moving truck. The desperation of the people in these camps is heartbreaking. Nevertheless, they are bringing their animals to the team every day for aid and assistance, and they are appreciative of our efforts.

But amid the sadness of the daily desperation of the people is the hopeful story of a dog named Dik. At the time of the earthquake, Dik was inside a building with a 7–year–old boy. Both were buried under rubble when the building collapsed. Rescuers worked hard to rescue both the boy and the dog. Sadly, the boy did not live. Dik the dog was also pulled free –– alive but injured. The ARCH team came across Dik on Saturday and learned about his story, and they have been working since then to bring a veterinarian to his location, so he can receive a full exam and care for his injuries. They hope to get Dik together with a local veterinarian today.

Finally, a “good news” story to share today. When a small, flea–ridden stray pup was found in a pile of roadside rubble, the team spent some time asking around to find out if he had an owner. Soon they discovered that a family in the nearby village claimed him as their own. The team treated the little guy for a leg injury, gave him a full vaccination and health regimen, and sent him home better off for the encounter. A good–news way to end a weekend’s worth of very hard work!

Jan. 29
American Humane Responder Begins Locating and Treating Animals in Haiti
Tracy Reis, American Humane’s Animal Emergency Services program manager, arrived in Santo Domingo late on Wednesday night, where she grabbed a quick two hours of sleep. By 6:29 a.m. on Thursday, she had already boarded a plane to Port–au–Prince with the rest of the ARCH team.

After landing, the team members located their living quarters in the United Nations compound and then headed out in the animal control trucks that our Dominican Republic partner, Sociedad Dominicana para la Prevención de Crueldad a los Animales (SODOPRECA), had brought along to reassess targeted areas of the city and locate animals in need. That was an all–day mission. Locals on the ground explained that what used to take an hour of travel now takes between four to six hours due to the devastation and the large number of people who are still finding refuge during the day in the streets.

Here at American Humane headquarters we remain concerned for both the health and future of everyone in Haiti –– people and animals alike. In an email I received from Tracy, she noted:

"We toured most of Port–au–Prince today, including the downtown area. The devastation is really unbelievable. I've never seen anything like it. There are large groups of people hanging in the streets and around the rubble that was once their homes. Some have a vacant look of shock on their faces, while others seem to have higher spirits. There are quite a few people selling food and goods along the streets.

We saw many young children laughing and smiling for us as we took photos. Perhaps they were just thankfully unaware of the true tragedy around them. We also had a few adults smile at us. It made me feel better that at least for that brief moment, they could just relax.

So far, this deployment has gone well with no major issues. There are certainly more hoops and red tape to go through versus deploying state–side, but being surrounded by my friends from IFAW and the ASPCA has been great.”

This morning, with plan–in–hand, Tracy and the team headed out to provide antibiotics and field veterinary care to many of the animals they located yesterday. At 5:00 p.m. (Haiti local time) today, Tracy emailed me to let me know that so far they had treated 29 dogs and five cats –– and that the team was still hard at work.

Jan. 26
American Humane Responder Heads to Haiti
Our meetings with officials from the Haitian government, the U.N. and other international agencies have gone very well, and we're eager to get moving with the work we have in front of us in Haiti. Most of the members of the ARCH team have returned to Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, to focus on pulling together the supplies that are going to be needed in Haiti for animal relief. The team will also be working on assessing needs in the areas beyond Port–au–Prince. We have a lot of work ahead of us!

Breaking news of the day: Late last night I received an urgent request from ARCH command staff asking that I send Tracy Reis, our Animal Emergency Services program manager, to Haiti as soon as possible to begin the work of implementing a feeding program for the community dogs and to assist with immediate veterinary aid to animals. That effort will be conducted in cooperation with the Haitian government and, in particular, with the Ministry of Environment.

Tracy is packing for the trip as I write this. Going into Haiti right now requires a responder to be entirely self–contained. She has to carry all of her own food to last for more than a week, a water purification system, personal items, small equipment and other necessary pieces of gear. She's been getting ready for this for days –– waiting for this call to come. Passport ready? Booster shots? You bet. As you can imagine, it's an intense effort to get ready to go on an international response on very short notice. She will be on a plane early tomorrow for Santo Domingo, where she'll meet up with a small team of other senior staff members from our coalition partners. They all expect to be in Port–au–Prince on Thursday morning. They'll join up with the coalition members already there to begin coordinated operations on the ground. Tracy expects to be in Haiti for about a week, setting up these initial programs and laying the groundwork for the larger and longer–term efforts ahead of us.

I'll share more with you as soon as I know more. Thank you all for your wonderful help in getting the information out on the ARCH coalition and our important work in Haiti. Please join me in wishing Tracy and the other responders Godspeed and safety in their travels.

Jan. 24
On the Ground in Haiti
It was a busy weekend! The ARCH team arrived in Port–au–Prince on Saturday and spent the day meeting with authorities and local animal welfare agencies. Today, the ARCH team met with Jean Marie Claude Germain, Haiti's Minister of Environment. The discussion with the minister opened the door for ARCH members to begin focused missions of vaccinating street dogs and assisting with the care of livestock in the earthquake–ravaged regions. ARCH's first task may be a round–up of street dogs, with the goal of feeding them and vaccinating them against rabies.

But a huge priority for ARCH will be maintaining veterinary care for livestock. Families in Haiti will depend more than ever on their backyard farms for food, milk, sale and survival. The coalition plans to distribute food to farmers to help sustain them until they get back on their feet.

Both of these efforts will help in protecting the lives and reducing the suffering of both the people and the animals of Haiti. In the meantime, the ARCH team members on the ground have begun an assessment of the state of the health, well–being and needs of the animals.

I saw a news article over the weekend where my good friend, Dr. Heather Case of the American Veterinary Medical Association and a member of the ARCH coalition, was quoted: "It's public health, it's animal welfare, and it's what we need to do following a disaster." Thank you Heather, you couldn't be more right.

I'm pleased to report that the coalition has now raised about $140,000 in donations to support the animal disaster response in Haiti –– but the experts on the ground estimate that much more will be needed –– I think we all realize that this will be a very long effort if it is to make a difference. Please help us in our efforts to assist the people and the animals of Haiti.

Thank you all for your donations and the amazing and supportive emails, Facebook comments and tweets we've been receiving. Please keep them coming! And please let others know about ARCH and our mission to assist Haiti. We'll keep you updated as it progresses over the next few days and weeks.

Services offered: Animals, Medical, Veterinary Care/Services; Animals, Medication, Vaccination * (ANY/ALL Types); Donations, Disaster Fund; First Responder, Animal Rescue ; Information Resource, Online Networking, Facebook Page/Group; Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction) ; Training Classes, Animals, Disaster, Animal Rescue; Training Classes, Animals, First Aid for Pets; Training Classes, Animals, First Responder, Animal Rescue
Campaigns: 2010 Haiti Earthquake; 2011 Japan Earthquake/Tsunami/Nuclear Disasters; ARCH (Animal Relief Coalition for Haiti); Humane Society International; Humane Society of the United States, The; IFAW ~ International Fund for Animal Welfare; World Society for the Protection of Animals (WSPA)
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Animal Balance (SODOPRECA Clinic, DR) – 2010 Haiti Earthquake

Animal Shelter · Open

Animal 1st Responder / Donation Drive – Animals
Web www.animalbalance.net

Checks payable to Animal Balance “Haiti Fund” C/o Animal Fund Fort Mason Center, Quarters 35 San Francisco, CA 94123 USA
Service Temporary

Information On Where To Send Supplies
You can send items to the following address in Florida. K–Rain Manufacturing shipping company in conjunction with www.globalanimalrescuefund.org will transport the items to the DR for free. Once here, we will send them to Haiti with Dr. Bob Amelingmeier of www.dominicancrossroads.com. He has worked in the DR for over 30 years and WILL get the items to where they need to go as he has the contacts in Haiti.

Please do not send out of date items or controlled drugs, as the authorities will not allow them into the DR.

H.A.L.O.
P.O.Box 595St.
Petersburg, FL 33731

or (if delivery requires a signature)
826 63 rd Ave.
South St.
Petersburg FL 33705

The List of Most Needed Items

Please do not send out of date or opened items as they cannot be shipped. Thank you.

Topical parasite medications - any brand
Gauze sponges – all sizes
Betadine
Suture – non absorbable, monofilament
Iodine
Exam gloves – all sizes
Surgical glue
Bandage materials
Needles - 20ga, 22ga,18ga with 1 inch needle
Syringes – 3 cc to 12 cc, 20 cc,1cc
Hydrogen peroxide
Surgical Instruments
Hacksaw
Surgery packs
Hemostats
Benzall
Fluids – LRS, NaCl 9%
IV lines – fluid administration set, 15 drop per ml sets
KMR or another kind of powdered form milk/energy replacer
Ensure.
Canned AD, baby foods, (to go though syringe for force feeding, high energy, low volume)
Stethoscopes
Thermometers
Disposable cloth gowns
Drape material in sterile sleeves
Toxiban
Activated Charcoal
Sterile surgery blades – sizes 10 and 15
Pyrantal
Metacam
Ivermectin
Injectable Vitamins: B complex, Vitamin B 12, Vitamin C
Injectable nsaid eg Rimadyl, Medacam or Kedoprohen (pain and fever relief)
Injectable penicillin, dual pin or Polyflex
Dexamthasone, dex SP
Soludelta cortef,
Antrophine
Dex dormitor
Lidocine
Antisedic
Sterile water
Chlorohexadine

Injectable Convenia
Regalan injectable
Metronidazole Injectable
Gentamax
Cyanocubalmin
Vetalog Parenteral
Heparin Injectable
Furosemide injectable
Dexaject SP
Aceproject
Naloxone HCI 0
Epinephrine
Atrphone Sulphate injectabIe
Yobine
Dopamine

Other Supplies
Tarps
Rope
Fencing Materials

Haiti Aid Update

On January 28th Animal Balance made the first donation drop to Dr. Bob in Sousa. He left the following day for Haiti. We took gauze, syringes, needles, fluids, drip sets, Betadine, bandage material, suture, splints, pain medications, alcohol and many other emergency first aid items for animals.

Due to your kind donations, we will be able to buy more items this week locally here in the DR and take them to Dr. Bob next week. Please do check the supply list and send any items that you can to the Miami address. Volunteers are on stand by to pack, list and put the items on the container ship.

Thank you so much for your compassion and kindness at this tragic time.
Emma Clifford
Founder and Director
www.animalbalance.org

Services offered: Demographic Served: Animals; Demographic Served: Survivors, Natural Disaster Impacted Communities; Donations, Disaster Fund; Donations, Drop–Off, Collection Site Location; First Responder, Animal Rescue
Campaigns: 2010 Haiti Earthquake; ARCH (Animal Relief Coalition for Haiti); Humane Society International; IFAW ~ International Fund for Animal Welfare; World Society for the Protection of Animals (WSPA)
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Animal Relief Coalition for Haiti (ARCH)

Info/Hotline · Open

Service Temporary

Animal Relief in Haiti– One Year Later
Jan 12, 2011

Read more at Suite101: Animal Relief in Haiti– One Year Later http://www.suite101.com/content/animal–relief–in–haiti––one–year–later–a331587#ixzz1D7b4MpFm

One year ago when disaster struck Haiti help poured in from international aid and relief agencies. Many animal welfare societies were there but the situation they found before their eyes was daunting. Haiti lacked animal care infrastructures and immediately after the earthquake injured and hungry dogs, cats, horses, goats and cattle were found wandering in search of food and water.
Emergency Care

The ARCH is jointly led by the World Society for the Protection of Animals (WSPA) and the International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW) in partnership with numerous world animal protection organizations including American Humane Association, RSPCA UK, American Veterinary Medical Association, United Animal Nations, Finnish Federation for Animal Welfare and People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA).

or the past year the ARCH team has been working with Haiti government officials and has faced many challenges. From emergency care to prevention programs they have helped some 50,000 animals. Through immediate and long–term initiatives ARCH has delivered at least 75 percent of its aid to Haiti.

Immediately after the earthquake veterinary care and relief was provided to surviving animals found wandering the streets or hiding among the wreckage. With the aid of a mobile veterinary clinic ARCH traveled to neighborhoods stricken by the earthquake and provided aid for cats, dogs, goats, horses and farm animals. These animals were vaccinated and treated against parasites also to prevent an outbreak of diarrhea in humans.

http://www.earthtimes.org/articles/press/animal–relief–funding–haiti,1623845.html

excerpt –

ARCH is headed by the International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW) and the World Society for the Protection of Animals (WSPA). In addition to the ASPCA, ARCH consists of a number of animal welfare groups including the American Humane Association, Best Friends, and Kinship Circle. ARCH is the largest effort for animals in Haiti, and the largest international coalition to assist animals in a disaster. The ARCH response team arrived to Haiti 10 days after the earthquake and has since continued to have a presence in Port–au–Prince.

"The ASPCA continues to extend its full support to those organizations providing humanitarian relief in this ravaged island nation, and now in the wake of the cholera outbreak and political unrest," said Sayres. "We hope that by addressing the needs of Haiti's animal victims, ARCH will ultimately provide much–needed relief to the entire country, humans and animals alike."
Campaigns: ASPCA ~ American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty To Animals; Humane Society International; World Society for the Protection of Animals (WSPA)
Updated Feb 6, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/7617

Humane Society International (HSI) (2010 Haiti Earthquake Response)

Animal Shelter · Open

Non Profit, Animal Disaster Rescue/Relief

Web www.hsus.org/hsi/disaster_services/reports_from_the_field/2010_haiti_earthquake_11310.html
Serves Haiti
Eligibility Animals Impacted by the 2010 Haiti Earthquake
Service Temporary

January 13, 2010

An earthquake of magnitude 7.0 shook the nation of Haiti on January 12, near the capital of Port–au–Prince. The damage is severe and high loss of life is expected. Humane Society International and The Humane Society of the United States are working with other animal welfare and humanitarian organizations to determine how best to assist animals and people affected by the disaster. We have offered our support in providing care to affected animals. We will post updates as they become available.

Humane Society International (HSI) deploys disaster relief teams to assess the human and animal impacts of natural and manmade disasters and to provide assistance in a number of ways:

Our field teams deliver food, medicine and veterinary care to companion animals, livestock and wildlife.

We liase with international relief organizations and governments to ensure that care for animals is an essential part of the recovery process.

We often work with local animal organizations on the ground and provide emergency grants in times of crisis.

Services offered: Animals, Medical, Veterinary Care/Services; Animals, Rescue, Animal Rescue Disaster/Evacuation Services; Demographic Served: Animals; Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction)
Campaigns: 2010 Haiti Earthquake; ARCH (Animal Relief Coalition for Haiti); Humane Society International; Humane Society of the United States, The
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World Society For The Protection of Animals (WSPA) – (2010 Haiti Earthquake Response)

Animal Shelter · Open

Animal Disaster Response

Web www.wspa–international.org
Serves Haiti
Eligibility Animals Impacted by the 2010 Haiti Earthquake
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FROM THE WEBSITE:

Thank you for helping us to help Haitians
Feb 4, 2010

Our disaster management team were able to act swiftly, responding to the Haitian government's request for our help within hours of our receiving an official invitation.

Coming together as ARCH

In the first days following the earthquake in Haiti, WSPA and the International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW) came together to set up the Animal Relief Coalition for Haiti (ARCH) so that animal welfare organisations wanting to help the animals of Haiti could work together and take joint action for maximum impact. ARCH now has 19 member organisations acting together in Haiti, and you can follow reports from our joint efforts by visiting WSPA's Animals in Disasters blog.

A team from ARCH has just completed an assessment of the animal welfare situation in Haiti, meeting with officials from various agencies including the Haitian Ministry of Agriculture, in order to develop an effective course of action for the coming weeks and months.

The team found limited need for emergency animal relief work but there is considerable work ahead in the medium term and the long term.

Taking care to the community
The main animal welfare challenge ahead of Haitians in the medium term is vaccination drives to prevent the threat of diseases, especially zoonoses, spreading amongst this vulnerable community. ARCH is equipped to meet these needs through an international team from various ARCH member organisations, who will travel to parts of Haiti outside the capital and administer veterinary treatment, vaccination and feed for both companion animals and livestock. The ARCH staff will operate on a weekly rotation in order to offer continued technical support to this team.

Long road to recovery
Given the complete collapse of infrastructure in Haiti, the main challenge ahead is the reconstruction of veterinary infrastructure. ARCH is planning several options, including:

–Massive vaccination for bovine, ovine, horse/donkey, caprine and other hoofed animals.
–Setting up epidemiology surveillance networks on Newcastle and Gumboro diseases.
–Public awareness campaigns to encourage people to bring their animals to the facilities that ARCH is helping to put in place.
–Refresh and train vets/public health (human) workers.

Setting up solar powered clinics and/or mobile clinics as well as purchasing equipment such as thermoses, ice coolers, refrigerators etc (to ensure that medications needing a 'cold chain' will be stored and transported at the right temperature) to support vaccination and treatment operations.

Purchasing consumables required – medicines, vaccines, etc – and distributing these to departmental/communal/local structures.

Working with the Haitians
© WSPA – IFAWAs with any recovery operation that WSPA undertakes after a disaster, we are working in close consultation with the government and international agencies. At present we are in the process of working out a Memorandum of Understanding with the Government of Haiti, in order to plan the most effective way to rebuild and reinforce the country's veterinary infrastructure. Although we are working with a proposal that could cost in excess of $1.2M, working together with our partners in ARCH means this financial challenge will be shared amongst us.

The money you contribute to WSPA's Animals in Disasters fund will be used to finance both the immediate and the long term recovery work for Haiti and, if we raise more money than is required for the Haiti programme, we will invest donations in WSPA's fund to prepare for any future disasters in other parts of the world.

Once again, thank you for supporting WSPA's work and enabling us to respond to crises with the urgency required.

FROM THE WEBSITE 1/14/10:

Joining forces to help animals
As I followed news about Haiti for the last two days, I was struck by how many people from around the world have started coming together, offering to help in any way they can. And animal welfare groups have shown that it is equally possible to work together to help the animal victims of this disaster – who are equally distressed by the destruction all around them, and equally in need of emergency aid – with a similar show of solidarity amongst groups.

Together, the World Society for the Protection of Animals (WSPA) and the International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW) will be working on the ground to help the animals in Haiti. We have come together to form the Animal Relief Coalition for Haiti (ARCH) so that all animal welfare organizations involved in response efforts can work together and make sure we get aid to as many animals, and in as short a time, as possible.

Our teams will be working out of a mobile clinic which has been donated to us by the Antigua and Barbuda Humane Society. WSPA and IFAW have pledged funds to fully outfit this mobile clinic, and it will be shipped from Antigua to our member society, Sociedad Dominicana Para la Protección de Animales (SODOPRECA) in the Dominican Republic for them to drive across the border into Haiti. We are inviting other animal welfare groups to join ARCH and direct their support to the coalition.

Once again, this proves a simple but powerful truth: when people join together, amazing things can happen.

To donate online go to: https://www.wspa–usa.org/pages/2373_give_to_our_disaster_relief_fund.cfm

WSPA Blog: http://animalsindisasters.typepad.com/wspa/2010/01/earthquake–in–haiti–preparing–to–respond.html

Earthquake in Haiti: Preparing to respond
My team and I have been closely monitoring the situation in Haiti since the devastating earthquake hit the capital, Port–au–Prince, last night. With most communications infrastructure down, it meant we had a long night waiting for information that beyond sketchy news reports.

Since this morning, we have been in talks with the United Nations (under serious stress themselves since their office in Port–au–Prince has collapsed, with 15 staff members dead and 20 still missing) and the local Red Cross Chapters to gain a further understanding of the impact on animals caught up in the situation.

Our Disaster Liaison Officer from Panama, Jorge Alcidez Gonzalez who also works as the Head of the K9 unit of Civil Defence, is now travelling out of Panama with a team of specially trained veterinary staff to assess the destruction and welfare needs of the animals. Jorge and his brave team will be treating animals as soon as they are on the ground.

They have told me that they will carry veterinary supplies to treat any injured animals that they come across. I have also arranged for him to feedback the extent of the damage and where we can be of most help, as quickly as possible.

Do look out for more updates from us, as we relay on the information we get from Jorge and the rest of the team. Considering the troubled security situation in Haiti at the best of times, my primary concern at the moment is Jorge's safety; we will be paying particular attention to this in the next couple of days while planning our disaster relief operation in greater detail.

Posted by Gerardo Huertas – Disaster Operations Director on 01/13/2010 at 06:22 PM

WSPA works to … reduce risk in disaster prone areas

We work with governments, local animal welfare groups and communities in disaster–prone areas, both setting up national warning systems and showing people how to prepare for disasters, by:

• creating adequate storage and protection for food and water supplies
• identifying animals so they can easily be reunited with their owners
• demonstrating how to evacuate animals safely
• strengthening and securing animal shelters on safe ground
• running vaccination programmes to protect animal health.

WSPA provides … emergency relief for animals

When disaster strikes, our expert disaster response team can be there within days. WSPA's unique Member Society Network helps get local relief programmes up and running quickly.

In the field, we provide emergency veterinary care through static and mobile clinics, feed hungry animals and reunite animals with their owners wherever possible.

WSPA has been doing relief work in disaster–struck areas for more than four decades and works in concert with local partners and humanitarian agencies, making sure that the right type of relief is delivered to the right areas, to be of maximum help.

WSPA seeks to contribute to … rehabilitation

WSPA aims to get living conditions back to normal – or improve them – for all affected animals. Restoring veterinary care is crucial.

We use the aftermath to put in place plans for the relief of future disaster situations in the area: risk reduction completes the cycle of animal protection. These projects can become models for preparation work elsewhere.

Services offered: Animals, Medical, Medical Care for Animals; Animals, Medical, Supplies, * Veterinary Supplies * (ANY/ALL Types); Animals, Rescue, Animal Rescue Disaster/Evacuation Services; Animals, Rescue, Animal Rescue Services; Demographic Served: Animals; First Responder, Carribean Region; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Online Networking, Blog; Services, Disaster Preparedness
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FROM THE WEBSITE:

The earthquake in Haiti was devastating to humans and animals alike. But today, you can help.

100 percent of your donation will go directly to help animals suffering in the aftermath of the earthquake. Best Friends is a part of the Animal Relief Coalition for Haiti (ARCH), and your support will provide food, water, rabies vaccinations, safety and more for countless animals.

Thank you for being a beacon of hope!

FROM THE WEBSITE:

Haiti Alliance
January 16, 2010 : 8:35 AM ET

The world continues to respond to the need for assistance in Haiti after the devastating earthquake that hit the island nation this week. And Best Friends will be part of that effort as a member of a newly formed, special relief group — the Animal Relief Coalition for Haiti (ARCH).

Best Friends has joined the coalition because the disaster is so widespread that intense focus of available resources through a single group is critical in order to attain the best possible outcome for animals that are at risk. The coalition is led by World Society for the Protection of Animals and the International Fund for Animal Welfare.

In the coming days, members of the coalition, including Best Friends, hope to send staff, specially trained volunteers and crucial resources to Haiti to assist animals in need. Access to Haiti continues to be difficult, but the coalition is diligently working to gain access to the country.

The coalition is working to establish a mobile clinic that can deliver food and water to animals in the areas around the capital city of Port–au–Prince, as well as provide vaccinations to community dogs to help prevent the spread of rabies.

Best Friends will continue to monitor developments and report our future plans as they are solidified.

Written by Best Friends staff

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