



Tree of Compassion – helping animals in need in Nepal

An Australian charity is desperately seeking help from the community to support the rescue of animals including livestock trapped or injured as a result of the earthquake in Nepal.

Spokesperson, for Tree of Compassion, Tania Duratovic, said today that while the focus of current relief efforts is understandably on the human toll, the rescue of animals will be vitally important in the weeks ahead.

“When survivors of this catastrophe regroup they are going to need their animals and in some cases this will be a life and death situation.

“Livestock are a critical need for most Nepalese. After things have settled they are really going to be very important to sustain communities.

“Equally important is preventing the further spread of disease caused by sick and dying animals.

“Tree of Compassion has been operating a sanctuary for rescued animals at the Kopan Monastery for a number of years developing expertise, knowledge and networks on the importance and significance of animals in the daily lives of the people of Nepal.

“We are funding a small emergency relief team to travel to trouble spots rescuing and treating animals in the field over the next month.

“We are desperately in need of financial support to continue this work and to buy essential supplies and pay for veterinary services and fuel.”

“People should not underestimate the significance of animals in the daily lives of Nepalese and now is the time when this help to rescue these animals is most critical.

“While financial support is most welcome people can also donate supplies although we understand most of what we want might come from people dealing explicitly in the field of veterinary services,” Ms Duratovic said.

People can donate to the Tree of Compassion online via
www.treeofcompassion.org.au

Our wish list: <http://www.treeofcompassion.org.au/how-to-help/wish-list/>