

The Tragedy is not yet over.

What is happening within 20km of Fukushima Power Plant since the 3 11 Earthquake?

Mar/11 East Japan Earthquake

Mar/12 Fukushima I Nuclear Power Plant Meltdown. People living within 20km of the power plant had to evacuate

Apr/15 Fukushima Prefecture has organized a animal relief headquarters.

*within the 20km evacuation area there are at least 5900 dogs, but only 323 pets (not only dogs) is rescued since May 15 to mid August.

Apr/22 20km within the circle is specified as a "watch zone" with entry restrictions.

May/10 Temporary-home-visit program begins.

*If a pet is leased or caged during the temporary home visit program, the administration will pick it up and take it out of the evacuation area. Because of the sudden change of the environment many pets cannot be found or captured.

May/12 Government directs the livestock owners to slaughter the livestock within 20km of the evacuation area.

*By September 10th, 166 of 313 livestock owners have agreed with the slaughter.

Jul/16 A team of veterinarians have started a animal protection activities.

*Nuclear Emergency Response Headquarters have taken the lead of 2 day rescue program with approximately 50 veterinarians all around Japan, 38 dogs and cats were saved.

Sep/01 Animal protection activities by the team of veterinarians was dismissed after the first activity. Fukushima Prefecture has taken over the activity. *By September 18, 5 dogs and 3 cats were saved.

Nov/29 Fukushima government officials and the Ministry of the Environment are contemplating allowing entrance to the no-entry zone for animal protection groups.

Nov/30 Fukushima officials announced they are making entry guidelines for animal protection groups.

Why the animals were abandoned

◆Unprecedented earthquake disaster and nuclear power plant disaster have separated the owner and the animals.

Not knowing what is going on about the disaster and evacuation direction expanded. few days. Many people had to leave everything behind. Nobody expected that will be the last time with their pets.

◆Obstructed rescues. Not permitted to save your own pets.

Over 1000 animals were saved by volunteers. However, even though with repeated request of entry, entry for animal rescue or feeding is happening within the restricted area illegally hiding from the police. It is the same with the people that evacuated from the restricted area. The only chance for them to find for their pets legally is to find them within the short time of the temporary home visit program or wait for the public committee to find the pet and bring it to them.

At the end of November, 9 months after the nuclear plant accident Fukushima officials decided to permit entrance to the no-entry zone for some animal protection groups.

They will only allow entry during the month of December.

◆Livestock not permitted to leave the restricted area.

For Nonproliferation of a radioactive material Livestock are not permitted to leave the 20km restricted area and is directed by the government to be slaughtered. Even if the livestock is cleaned and not to be slaughtered for food it is not permitted to leave the restricted area, even though the dose of radiation of most of the animals has no need of cleaning. Likes of working cows and ostriches that was owned by Fukushima Power Plant, and most of the animals within the restricted area are left in the barn and died of hunger and not even permitted to be buried, and the runaway animals are also left within the 20km restricted area.