



**TO ALL SPCA CENTRES
FROM BOB'S DESK**
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CHRISTCHURCH

New Zealand's most beautiful city is now in ruins. Its historic buildings are reduced to rubble and will remain but a distant memory. Its very heart has been torn asunder with its magnificent cathedral standing shattered and ruptured. Homes and livelihoods have been destroyed, many forever.

However the human toll is even greater with the tragic loss of so many lives, their numbers growing daily. In addition the trauma of the living who have experienced the devastation will live with them for the rest of their lives. Our thoughts, love and prayers go out to them – if we could give them a huge collective hug we would do so.

Amidst the turmoil are the animals. The SPCA has moved swiftly deploying our experienced rescue team to attend to those animals in need, the injured, abandoned, lost and distressed. The SPCA will not be undertaking a fundraising campaign at this time as our current focus is to utilise our expertise and resources to help the animals and their human families. We will, in time, hear from our team on the ground of any resources that may be needed, and if in excess of our ability to provide, we will ask for assistance.

We are of course with the people and the animals in Christchurch and know that their Kiwi spirit will prevail. However our very special thoughts are with those within the SPCA family, some of whom we know have had profound losses of their own, together with those who are on the ground helping and feeling the full impact of this tragic event. You have our special love.

CHRISTCHURCH COMMUNICATION DETAILS

Because it is essential that we keep communications direct, and simple, we have published a limited but effective list of contact numbers, particularly for residents needing to make contact and especially those who have lost their animals. A dedicated 24 hour 0800 number, manned by the NZCAC Animal Register, linking directly to Pets on the Net, the most effective lost and found website in the country, is operating, the details of which follow :

0800 lostpet (567873)

For all lost and found pet enquiries and assistance with registering on lost and found pet websites. 24 hour contact and message service. Phones manned between 8.0am and 6.0pm

WEBSITES :

www.petsonthenet.co.nz
www.animalregister.co.nz

SPCA CANTERBURY :

For direct donations, and offers to foster animals
centre@spcacanterbury.org.nz
www.spcacanterbury.org.nz

FOR ANIMALS INSIDE THE CORDON AREA :

(03) 941 8999

And finally the team assigned to the task of co-ordinating and communicating directly from Christchurch are as under :

CHRISTCHURCH RESCUE TEAM :

Ritchie Dawson – SPCA Wellington, NAWEM – 021 389 013
Stephanie Saunders – SPCA Regional Chief Inspector – 0272 272 359
Geoff Sutton – SPCA Canterbury Centre Manager – 0274 340 433

With assisting units :

VERT – Veterinary Emergency Response Team, (Massey University)
ARU – Animal Rescue Unit, (SPCA Wellington)

NATIONAL SUPPORT TEAM :

Ross Blanks – SPCA Canterbury Chairman – 021 886 547
Bob Kerridge – National President Royal New Zealand SPCA – 0274 959 449
Robyn Kippenberger – National CEO – Royal New Zealand SPCA – 0274 197 722
Wayne Ricketts – Resources Manager – NZ Veterinary Association – 0274 710 488

Keep believing, and warm wishes



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