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## **Purpose of Petition**

To request that, when housing is provided to victims of the earthquake and tsunami that struck eastern Japan on March 11, 2011, measures be taken to allow cohabitation with their companion animals (dogs, cats and other pets, henceforward referred to as PETS).

## **Reasons for Petition**

1 Housing provided to earthquake victims by the national or local governments generally falls into the following categories:

- a) Evacuation centers;
- b) Existing public housing, such as municipal and prefectural housing, or housing built for national public servants;
- c) Temporary housing
- d) Newly constructed public housing.

2 Meanwhile, it is stated in Article 4 of “Basic Principles of the Environment Ministry in its Response to the Tohoku-Pacific Region Earthquake” published on March 16, 2011, that

**“adequate support will be provided to ensure that pets in the disaster area receive appropriate care so that people and their pets can maintain good relations while living within the disaster area.”**

For pets to be banned from evacuation centers, public housing and temporary housing, forcing earthquake victims and their pets to live separately, would therefore be in direct violation of this stated aim of the Environment Ministry.

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