



## P R E S S   R E L E A S E

### Offer of assistance – Earthquake Indonesia

Salzburg, 27.05.06 – The International Rescue Dog Organisation (IRO) which has its registered office in Austria has offered the deployment of search and rescuedogs to the Indonesian embassy today. In the course of this offer a pre-alarm was initiated and the mission ready rescuedog teams are now standby. At the moment 18 persons and 9 dogs are standby and ready for deployment as soon as the offer of assistance is accepted. Standby will be upright over night.

#### **IRO coordinates rescue dog teams from 29 nations**

The International Rescue dog Organisation (IRO) was founded on May 18th 1993 in Sweden. IRO is the worldwide umbrella association of associations and organisations that are engaged with rescue dog work.

At the moment IRO counts 65 member organisations in 29 countries on 4 continents. All rescue dog teams that participate in international missions on behalf of IRO completed a 3 day simulation of a disaster mission. Through this measure IRO can guarantee that only the best teams will be sent to disaster areas. IRO rescue dogs participate in all big earthquake missions in the last couple of years. For example in August 1999 in Turkey, September 1999 in Taiwan, February 2001 in India, May 2003 in Algeria and December 2003 in the I.R. of Iran.

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