



## **Media Release**

# **LOCAL RESIDENT AWARDED FOR OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION**

**5 March 2009, Seoul:** Tim Vasudeva has been recognised as a 2008 Volunteer of the Year for his philanthropic support of Animal Rescue Korea and will receive a prize donation of \$A10,000 for the animal welfare group.

Recognised by his employer, Macquarie Group and its philanthropic arm, the Macquarie Group Foundation, the annual Macquarie Staff Community Awards program acknowledges the outstanding community contributions of its staff, as well as the organisations they serve.

Tim has been awarded the Volunteer of the Year Award, which is given to a dedicated volunteer who devotes significant time and efforts to a not-for-profit organisation.

Over the last two years, Tim has supported Animal Rescue Korea, an animal welfare group, by arranging adoptions for stray cats and dogs and organising fundraisers for two major animal shelters in Seoul. Tim also looks after veterinary care for sick or injured shelter or abandoned animals, often paying for the care himself.

Karen Busch, from Animal Rescue Korea, is very grateful for Tim's time and endless commitment to reaching out and helping stray animals find a home. Karen also gives credit to Tim for raising awareness of these issues and having a large part in the growing support and participation in the Animal Rescue Korea program.

"As news spread, more and more people got involved, in a large part thanks to Tim's ceaseless efforts. There are several hundred dogs and cats that owe Tim a debt for their lives. Although my debt is not quite that big, I am also incredibly thankful for his motivation and countless hours of work," said Ms Busch.

The \$10,000 will be used to partly fund Animal Rescue Korea's commitment to the 300 abandoned animals at the Asan dog and cat shelter, namely food, local animal carers, parasite-preventative medication plus general and emergency veterinary care.

Julie White, Head of the Macquarie Group Foundation, said the Foundation places great importance on supporting the community efforts of its staff.

“The contribution of Macquarie Group staff – as volunteers, fundraisers, board members of not-for-profit organisations and pro bono service providers – continues to grow from strength to strength, significantly enhancing Macquarie’s overall community effort.

“We are very proud of this year’s record number nominees for the Macquarie Staff Community Awards and I would like to congratulate Tim on his efforts and the contribution he has made to Animal Rescue Korea.

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## **EDITOR’S NOTES**

### **Macquarie Group Foundation**

The Macquarie Group Foundation – the philanthropic arm of Macquarie Group – has been providing support to community programs for more than 35 years. In the last year, the Macquarie Group Foundation, together with Macquarie Group staff efforts, contributed more than \$23 million to over 800 community organisations around the world.

### **Animal Rescue Korea**

Animal Rescue Korea (ARK) is a group of unpaid volunteers dedicated to promoting animal welfare in South Korea.

ARK’s growing network of animal lovers helps in many ways: by finding permanent homes for homeless animals, fostering, fund-raising, volunteering at local Korean shelters, and sharing ideas in the forums of their website ([www.animalrescuekorea.org](http://www.animalrescuekorea.org)) which gathers English-language information useful for helping animals and animal owners in South Korea.

ARK does not have an animal shelter or rescue centre of its own, however it actively supports the Asan dog and cat shelter.