

Farm Sanctuary Cruelty Investigations and Legal Action

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She had spent her entire life on a factory farm, where she became too sick and weak to even stand. The "downed" cow, was left lying on a cold, bare floor and her soft fur was covered with excrement. Unable to reach water and feed troughs, she laid in pain, alone — waiting only to die. Her raw, bruised body was lifted with a forklift into a transport truck ... and she was sent to slaughter.

Dear Friend,

Sadly, horrendous farm animal cruelty is not uncommon — and, it is frequently not even against the law. Even in cases as horrific as the one above, we have to fight for cruelty charges to even be filed. And, if they make it to the courts, farm animal cruelty cases are often dismissed or result in no more than a small fine. This is the value the law places on the life of a farm animal.

Most people don't care about farm animals ... and our laws reflect that. Many people are unaware that farm animals are specifically exempt from the federal Animal Welfare Act, and from most state anti-cruelty laws. With the law on the side of agribusiness interests, prosecutions for even the most unspeakable cruelty are difficult to win.

Farm animals have no laws to protect them, no voice to speak out, and will suffer silently without our help. The longer farm animal abusers are allowed to continue with blatant disregard for the feelings of live animals, more and more animals will suffer. We must act now.

As someone who cares deeply about all animals, we're counting on you to help us change the tide, and gain desperately needed legal protection for farm animals. With your help, Farm Sanctuary has a chance to deliver justice for farm animals and set a precedent for the future treatment of all farm animals.

These cases are just a sampling of the shocking abuses we have fought:

- A cattle rancher in California has been starving cattle to death for years. Recently, 100 cattle were reported to be severely neglected. Reports include descriptions of cows dying, emaciated, breeding with their closest relatives, in sick and weakened states, unable to give birth naturally, cases of bad parasites, and dead cows being left decomposing among the live cows.
- Approximately 1 million chickens were left without food when Cypress Foods ran out of money. Hundreds of thousands slowly starved to death for 15 days before media attention forced the company to start killing the birds. Thousands of live, starving birds were found in cages trapped with dead birds.

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URGENT ACTION NEEDED



Farm Sanctuary recently documented horrendous cruelty at stockyards across the state of Texas. Downed, diseased and dying animals, including a downed calf left suffering in a stockyard pen, were a common sight. Unfortunately, farm animal abuse is exempt from state anti-cruelty laws and accepted as "normal agricultural practice." Farm Sanctuary is working at the federal level to end downed animal cruelty and we have petitioned the Food and Drug Administration to ban the slaughter of downed animals for human food.

After leaving the production farm, farm animals may be legally transported up to 36 hours without food or water. Animals commonly endure injuries and illnesses due to transit conditions. The meat and dairy industries have termed these animals — too sick, weak or crippled to stand — as "downers." They are unable to reach food or water troughs and suffer days without attention to their basic needs. Left without nutrition and much needed veterinary care, these sick animals routinely die of neglect after days of painful waiting or are dumped alive on auction "deadpiles." Those who survive are dragged to slaughter with chains or pushed with tractors and forklifts, causing further injuries from bruises to broken bones. Stockyards and slaughterhouses are not required by law or industry regulation to euthanize sick and dying animals.

The meat and dairy industries deal in "downers" because they can still sell them for human consumption. Profits — not humane considerations — guide industry practice, and "downed" animals suffer gross abuse at livestock facilities across the country.



HELP

Write to the
Food and Drug
Administration
(FDA) to
encourage them to grant petition
98P-0151/ATP1 to ban the slaughter
of downed animals for human food.

Write to:

FAX: 301-827-6870
E-mail: FDA.Dockets@hhs.gov

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raising awareness and placing public pressure on factory farm industry, we can more effectively prosecute and stop farm animal cruelty. Your donation will enable us to educate reporters and major media representatives about the cruelty of factory farming, and provide them with the resources needed to expose horrendous cruelty cases to the public.

Farm Sanctuary is the leading farm animal advocacy organization in the country. It is our membership base of more than 100,000 animal advocates like you who provide 90% of our annual budget. By sending \$20, \$35, \$100 or whatever amount you can afford, you help us continue groundbreaking campaign initiatives and life-saving rescue and refuge efforts.

As someone who cares about ALL animals, we need you to join with us to ensure that farm animals are protected from cruelty and neglect. Over 10 billion farm animals are suffering on factory farms. They need you to help them.

Only with your help can we fight this battle for farm animals. Innocent farm animals are suffering. Each dollar you contribute will fight for a farm animal's life. Farm animals have no other defense — and they need you, now.

Please, join the movement to create a more humane world for farm animals. We can't do it without you.

Sincerely Yours,



Gene Bauston
President, Farm Sanctuary

P.S. There are so many organizations fighting for the rights of dogs and cats, but only a handful helping farm animals ... which is why it is so critical that we have you on our side.
Please become a member of Farm Sanctuary today. Thank you for caring.

Opie was a "downed" calf, unable to walk or stand — left to suffer at a stockyard.



Thanks to caring members, Opie and thousands of farm animals are now safe at Farm Sanctuary.

