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re: Docket 98P-0151/CP1

U.S. Food and Drug Administration
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5600 Fishers Lane Room 1061
Rockville, MD 20785

Dear FDA:

This letter represents an urgent request that you grant the petition of Farm Sanctuary to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals.

You are aware of the health issues which alone would warrant such a move on your part, but at least as important is the issue of humane treatment of these animals. Because of their large size and weight, it is routine for downed animals to be dragged or pushed with tractors, causing great pain and suffering to these creatures.

We must all begin to realize that this planet is occupied by other sentient beings, and that the same stimuli that cause pain and suffering in humans cause similar anguish to those other species.

Furthermore, according to industry experts, an estimated 90% of downed animals can be prevented with better care and handling. Removing the market for downed animals will provide an incentive for the industry to exercise those preventive measures, for their own benefit, and thereby for the benefit of the animals.

I urge you to grant Farm Sanctuary's petition.

Yours truly,

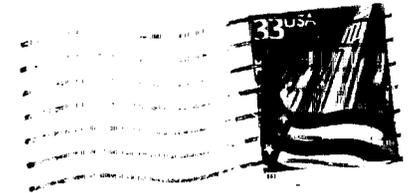


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