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RE: Docket # 98P-0151/CP1

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Downed Animals Protection

U.S. Food and Drug Administration  
Dockets Management Branch  
5630 Fischers Lane  
Room #1061, Docket #98P-0151/CP1  
Rockville, MD 20852

Dear FDA,

SUBJECT: DOCKET # 98P-0151/CP1

I am writing to request that you help end the horrific downed animal trade. Please grant the petition to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals as presented by [www.NoDowners.org](http://www.NoDowners.org) Farm Sanctuary Campaign.

Animals who are too sick or injured even to stand should not be allowed to enter the human food chain.

In addition to posing an increased risk for bacterial contamination, there is evidence that some downed animals may be afflicted with a form of BSE (Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy or "Mad Cow Disease"), a disease which has been linked to a fatal human illness (CJD or Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease).

It is impossible to move downed animals humanely, and they are typically pushed with tractors or dragged with chains - inhumane processes which cause injuries ranging from bruises and abrasions, to broken bones and torn ligaments.

Downed animals comprise a very small percentage of animals slaughtered, and prohibiting their marketing will cause no undue economic hardship.

Industry experts have estimated that 90% percent of downed animals can be prevented with better care and handling. Removing the market for downed animals will provide an incentive to industry to prevent downed animals in the first place.

Downed Animal Protection Act (H.R. 443 & S. 515)

Farm Sanctuary and other animal protection organizations are lobbying to pass the Downed Animal Protection Act in Washington, DC. This commonsense measure requires that animals who are too sick to stand (i.e. "downed animals") be humanely euthanized at stockyards.

I agree they should be HUMANELY euthanized at stockyards and remove the market for downed animals. Please help make this the LAW! Please grant this petition for the animal cruelty and health reasons.

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I also like to show you a few photos of downed animals cruelty and suffering, they are attached on a separate sheet and can be found that following addresses:

[http://www.nodowners.org/gallery/route87\\_2.htm](http://www.nodowners.org/gallery/route87_2.htm)

[http://www.nodowners.org/gallery/cow\\_downed3.htm](http://www.nodowners.org/gallery/cow_downed3.htm)

[http://www.nodowners.org/gallery/cow\\_downed1.htm](http://www.nodowners.org/gallery/cow_downed1.htm)

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathryn Marie Pelkey". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kathryn Marie Pelkey  
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**This cow was dragged behind a livestock truck in upstate New York and severely injured. Suffering from at least two broken legs and with pounds of hide and flesh scraped from her body, this cow was abandoned on the side of the road for approximately 7 hours.**

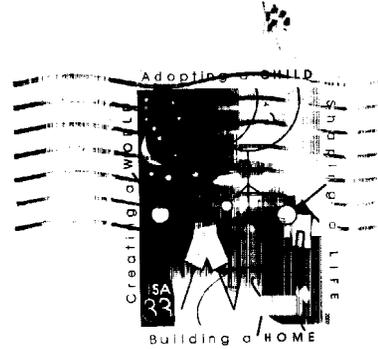


**A downed cow is left to suffer and die at an Oklahoma stockyard as her frightened young calf looks on.**



**A downed cow is left to suffer at a New York stockyard. She was dragged off a truck by a rope tied around her head - the other end of the rope was tied to a post and she was unloaded when the truck drove off.**

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