

Michelle Stoyanoff

1591 '00 NOV -2 A10:28

October 25, 2000

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

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to ask that you grant Farm Sanctuary's petition to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals-docket number 98P-0151/CP1. I am concerned not only for the welfare of these injured and sick animals, but about the risks to humans who consume meat obtained from these animals. These risks include bacterial contamination as well as Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy or "Mad Cow Disease" which has been linked to Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease found in humans.

Certainly, the inhumane treatment of downed animals needs to be addressed. Because they cannot stand or move without assistance, these animals are often pushed with tractors or dragged with chains. This inhumane treatment results in injuries ranging from bruises and abrasions to broken bones and torn ligaments, not to mention a great amount of suffering.

Downed animals comprise a very small percentage of animals slaughtered. Therefore, prohibiting their marketing will not cause economic hardship. It has been estimated by experts in the industry that 90% of downed animals can be prevented simply with better care and handling. Removing these animals from the market will motivate the industry to prevent downed animals in the first place.

Thank you,

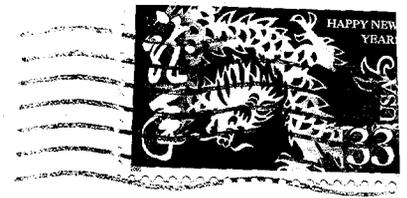


Michelle Stoyanoff

98P-0151

C2626

MICHELLE STOYANOFF  
RIVER RUN TRL  
T WAYNE IN 46825-6043



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

20882/1750 