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To Whom it May Concern:

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Docket Number 98P-0151/CP1
Re: Downed Animal Trade

I am writing in regard to the horrible, cruel way farm animals are abused when they are "downed" – too sick to stand and left to suffer for days without receiving food, water or medical care.

Dragging the animals to slaughter causes injuries ranging from bruises and abrasions to broken bones and ligaments. The picture of the sheep thrown into the "dead" pile just really makes me sick and makes me feel so much sorrow for these animals. What a cruel way to kill an animal, and marketing body parts from these sick and injured animals poses a threat to human health.

Please put an end to the downed animal trade, and make it illegal to ~~eat~~ treat farm animals in this way.

Sincerely,

Melanie K Roberts

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Hilda was the first animal I ever rescued. She had been thrown on a stockyard "deadpile" because she was too weak to stand. Hilda had collapsed because of brutal transportation conditions ... and was considered not worth saving.

I felt differently ... and I hope you do, too.

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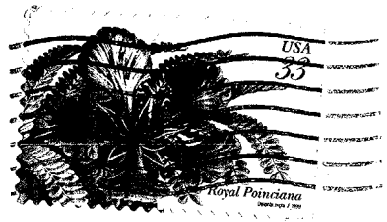

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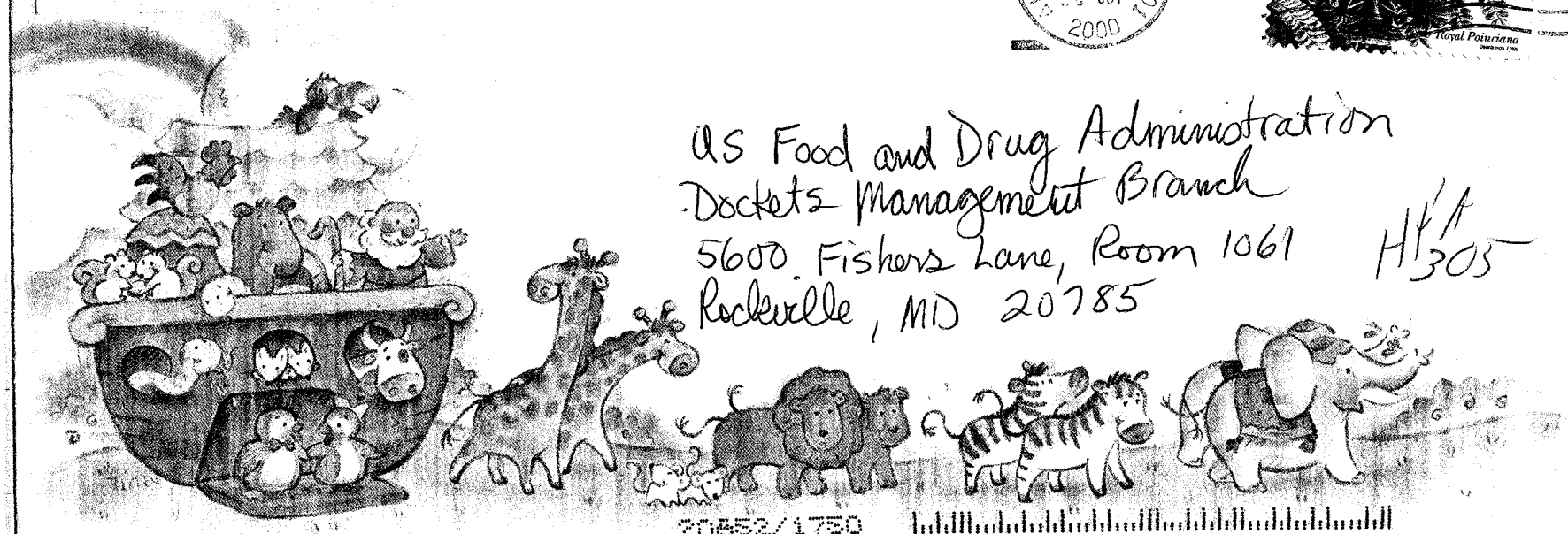

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