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RE: Docket Number 98P-0151/CP1

Dear Sir or Madame:

I write this letter after reading of a situation I was totally unaware of, the abuse and slaughter of "Downed Animals".

I should start by saying that I am not a vegetarian nor am I opposed to the slaughter of animals for food, but I find this lack of even the slightest bit of compassion toward another living thing disgusting.

At a time when there seems to be a crisis of exactly this in our children, (i.e., shootings at schools, gang beatings, etc...) I would think that we as adults would be trying to lead by example. Showing that even animals destined to be slaughtered deserve as much kindness as possible. To allow the Downed Animal Trade to continue not only puts our children, my child, at risk physically (poor quality, contaminated meat), but is also detrimental mentally. It is time that this country realizes that our children learn only what we teach them and kindness in any form towards any living thing should not only be taught, but demanded. How can we expect our children to be kind to each other when we refuse to show even the slightest compassion to these poor animals.

In closing I am asking you to grant Farm Sanctuary's petition to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals. THIS DISGUSTING TRADE SHOULD END. It may seem unimportant to some, but I think all things come together to make a whole. Lets start with this.

Sincerely,

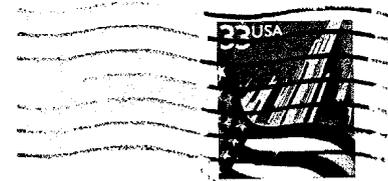


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