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U. S. Food and Drug Administration,
From "The Violence Connection" book;

The TRAGIC REALITY is that ANIMAL CRUELTY is directly RELATED
to human violence; when cases of ANIMAL CRUELTY GO UNTRIED OR ARE
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Sincerely,
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URGENT ACTION NEEDED

Speak out NOW for farm animals!

- Downed animals - animals too sick even to stand - are commonly left to suffer for hours or days without receiving food, water, or veterinary care, and in many instances are killed with tractors and forklifts - resulting in bruising from bruises and abrasions to the skin.
- Downed animals are typically slaughtered.
- In addition, the marketing of downed animals poses a risk to human health.



Your help is urgently needed to stop the downed animal trade!

The USDA recently reviewed and revised its policy regarding the purchase of ground beef for the National School Lunch Program and other federal food and nutrition programs, and it has taken a major step in the direction of ending the downed animal trade. According to an agency statement, "USDA will no longer accept ground beef that includes product from non-ambulatory cattle, commonly known as 'downers.' Carcasses originating from cattle (that are disabled) ... must be segregated to assure that the product from these carcasses is not included in the USDA purchased beef."

This development shows a growing consensus - even among industry and government officials - that the marketing and slaughter of downed animals causes intense animal suffering and poses an unnecessary health risk.

Letters needed to END downed animal trade:

Now is the time for concerned citizens to write to the Food and Drug Administration to urge that they grant Farm Sanctuary's petition to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals. It is critical that you include the docket number in your letter: Docket Number 98P-0151/CP1.

Please write to:

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

Or send your comments by:

FAX: 301-827-6870

Email: FDADockets@oc.fda.gov

Children learn that to eat most foods, it must be prepared. Teaching children the slaughtering methods of preparing animals for food is a violent action, which is an acceptable action by their peers. This is wrong. Teach the children to prepare foods that do not require slaughtering animals, this can lead to a more humane child as well as adult.

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Sincerely, Tamara Jean Conwell



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