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Re: Docket No. 98P-0151/60 P/9:54

Dear Commissioner:

I urge you to act on the above
 referenced petition without further
 delay. Thank you. Sincerely,
 Scott Douglas

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A New Tactic to Help Downers

THERE'S A PETITION BEFORE the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) that will help downers, animals too sick or injured to walk. Because only animals who reach the slaughterhouse alive can be used for human consumption, owners make more money selling live animals, no matter how ill or injured, than dead ones. The petition asks the FDA and USDA to classify meat from downers as adulterated; such a classification



would afford owners no incentive for prolonging the suffering of downed animals.

Also, with the increasing incidence of mad cow disease and other food safety risks, the issue of downed animals is no longer simply a matter of animals' suffering but of consumers' health as well. The meat from just one diseased cow can contaminate up to sixteen tons of mass-processed meat.

The HSUS has joined Farm Sanctuary, other animal protection groups, and livestock industry representatives in supporting this petition.

— ACT NOW! —

Please urge the FDA (Michael Friedman, M.D., Commissioner, U.S. Food and Drug Administration, Dockets Management Branch, Room 1-23, 12420 Parklawn Dr.

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