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Commissioner David Kessler
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Dear Commissioner Kessler,

The FDA's Veterinary Medicine Advisory Committee is turning its attention to the problem of routine use of antibiotics in animal feed, which is resulting in antibiotic resistant bacteria. Animals are stressed by crowding, foul air and lack of exercise on factory farms. They are unhealthy, but owners feed them antibiotics instead of improving their living conditions.

Complications and deaths are increasing, and evidence mounts that antibiotic use on farms is the cause.

It is good news that your Veterinary Medicine Advisory Committee is studying this problem.

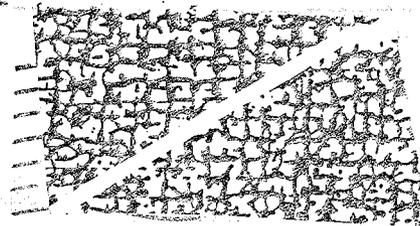
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