

January 26, 2001

9159 '01 FEB -1 19:33

U.S. Food and Drug Administration
Dockets Management Branch
5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061
Rockville, MD 20852

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN;

This letter is written to have petition 98P-0151/CP1 granted to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals. Animals who are too sick or injured even to stand should not be allowed to enter the human food chain.

In addition to posing an increased risk for bacterial contamination, there is evidence that some downed animals may be afflicted with a form of BSE (Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy or "Mad Cow Disease"), a disease which has been linked to a fatal human illness (CJD or Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease).

It's impossible to move downed animals humanely, and injuries are caused ranging from bruises and abrasions, to broken bones and torn ligaments. Industry experts have estimated that 90% percent of downed animals can be prevented with better care, handling and living conditions. Removing the market for downed animals will provide an incentive to industry to prevent downed animals in the first place.

Thanking you in advance to your attention to this very important manner and praying for positive results for all concerned.

Sincerely yours,



Sandy Whittington
Farm Sanctuary Member

98P-0151

C3779



Ms. Sandra Whittington
 409 E. Howard St.
 Stowe, PA 19464



POSTAGE WILL BE PAID BY ADDRESSEE
 PERMIT NO. 1000 STOWE PA
 POST OFFICE BOX 1000 STOWE PA 19464



U.S. Food and Drug Administration
 Dockets Management Branch
 5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061
 Rockville, MD 20852

H/A
 305

20852-0001

