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Please grant petition 98P-0151/CP1 to prohibit slaughter of downed animals. These animals, who are too sick to stand should not be allowed to enter the human food chain. There is no humane way to move these animals and are often pushed with tractors or dragged with chains. These processes often cause bruises abrasions + even broken bones + torn ligaments. I have read that to move pigs shocking prods are used + hooks that rip their "bungholes".

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As roughly as food animals are treated the number of downed animals is low enough that the economic burdon should cause undue economic hardship. Of course, if downed animals lose economic value, I would hope this would provide incentive for truckers to treat the animals better during transportation.

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