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Ms. Cindy M. Mc Daniel
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I support the petition to ban the forced molting of layer hens (ocket 98P-0203/C.P).
Please help ~~this~~ pass ^{8/27} PChickens
are dying of abuse and neglect.

Cindy McDaniel

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The PETA logo consists of the word "PETA" in a large, bold, italicized sans-serif font. Above the letters "P" and "E" is a solid black rectangular bar.

June 9, 1999

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Dear Ms. Mc Daniel,

What I am about to describe is disturbing. But please don't turn away. Your help is crucial to stopping some of the most vicious acts of cruelty I have ever seen.

Recently, a PETA undercover investigator took a job at Belcross Farms, a pig-breeding facility in North Carolina. There, he secretly videotaped workers kicking, beating, and stomping on the gentle animals in their care. They even skinned a pig ...alive!

This atrocious cruelty didn't happen once, or twice. It happened every day our investigator worked there. Here, in his own words, is one incident he captured on videotape:

"One day, the farm manager decided to kill a lame sow. After he and another employee dragged the crippled pig out of the shed, the manager took a 15-pound pipe wrench and smashed it against her head five times. The pig screamed in pain. The manager took a tiny razor blade, less than an inch long, and began to slice at her throat, at least 25 times, saying, 'F___ing pig b__ch!'"

Pigs are at least as intelligent as dogs, and highly social. One pig at Belcross Farms was able to work the latch on her pen. Each night, she would let herself out - then take the time to free the other pigs near her. Each morning, our investigator found them curled up sleeping together.

The pigs desperately tried to do what was demanded of them. They spent their entire lives locked in tiny stalls, barely big enough to turn around in. But they did not rebel. They only tried to please their tormentors.

Workers rewarded them with a kick in the face, or worse. When one sow went lame, workers forced her to walk. When she fell, a worker kicked her in the head. After shooting another crippled sow in the head with a bolt, a worker viciously dropped a cinder block on her head.

Sick pigs received no medical help. They were beaten, killed, or left to die. Our investigator found one sow collapsed and unable to reach water. She had been left to die slowly of dehydration.

Veterinary experts who saw our videotape were appalled. One vet stated, "This was one of the most horrific demonstrations of animal cruelty I have ever viewed."

Vowing to stop this terrible abuse, we turned over our evidence to North Carolina authorities. The district attorney responded immediately and assigned an investigator to the case. We are waiting for charges to be filed. But we need your help, for two very important reasons.

First, we believe Belcross employees and the owner must be held responsible for the cruelty they inflicted – and must never be allowed to harm animals again. The workers we videotaped have reportedly been fired or quit, but we continue to work on building a case against the owner and manager of the farm.

Second, and most disturbing, the atrocities at Belcross are not isolated incidents. PETA's campaign to protect animals on factory farms and in slaughterhouses has exposed case after case of shocking abuse.

During one government inquiry into the matter, slaughterhouse workers admitted to a member of Congress they routinely strangle, beat, scald, skin, and dismember fully conscious animals.

We desperately need your help to wake up a sleeping public to this tragedy.

Thanks to the generous support of people like you, PETA has already been able to make a difference for pigs, cows, chickens – and even horses – destined for the slaughterhouse:

PETA's exposé of starving horses at the nation's largest equine slaughterhouse led to the permanent closure of that facility.

PETA's undercover investigation stopped cruel, hot-iron face-branding of cows imported into the U.S. from Mexico.

PETA's holiday commercial, featuring film star Joaquin Phoenix, was the first-ever national television advertisement to expose the stressful, confined lives of turkeys.

PETA's articles, featured in major newspapers across the country, have exposed not only the cruelty but the health risks of meat consumption and the environmental hazards of factory farming.

With your help, we can continue – and expand – our work to end hideous abuses on farms and in slaughterhouses. Here's what you can do:

1. Join *Babe* star James Cromwell, who helped PETA expose conditions at Belcross at a national news conference, by writing to North Carolina Governor James B. Hunt, 116 W. Jones St., Raleigh, NC 27603. Ask him to view PETA's videotape and urge him to hold Belcross owner Frank Williams – and all hog farmers – accountable for what happens to the animals in their care.

2. Please, consider trying vegetarian meals, if you haven't already. It's the one thing you can do that will save more animals – and stop more suffering – than anything else. For a FREE Vegetarian Starter Kit, call PETA at 1-888-872-9811.

3. Support PETA's work to help the Belcross pigs and all animals on factory farms with a generous contribution today.

The fate of these abused animals is in our hands. Together, we can make a difference. On behalf of all the animals who suffer in the food industry, thank you.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ingrid".

Ingrid E. Newkirk
President

P.S. Last year, hog farmers spent more than \$2 billion to promote pork. Of course, their commercials never mention the beatings and live butchering we documented in our investigation. With your help, we can expose the truth behind this cruel product. Your generous contribution will be used immediately to help animals suffering on farms, in slaughterhouses, and everywhere else animals are abused and exploited. Thank you.

We must speak out as the voice of the animals. Public opinion does count, and certainly does have an impact on Washington officials.

Your senators and representatives pay attention to their mail. A member knows your vote can be won or lost by his/her response to

an issue of significant concern to you. The most effective letter is a personal one. It should be concise, informed, and polite.

1. Limit your letter to one typewritten page, two pages at most. Lengthy letters tend to wind up at the bottom of the pile. If writing longhand, take care to write legibly.
2. It is important to focus on one issue. State your purpose for writing in the first paragraph. Support your position with the rest of the letter.
3. Be sure your name and return address are legible.

4. The suggested address style is:

The Honorable _____
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator _____:

The Honorable _____
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative _____:

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