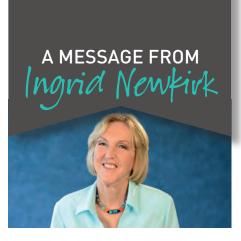
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Dear Animal Times Reader,

I often talk of PETA-supported Animal Rahat in the pages of *Animal Times*, as it's so wonderful to see examples of the many animals whose lives have taken a 180-degree turn from misery to happiness because of its work. I hope you enjoy these stories of dear animals who are relishing a peaceful retirement at its sanctuary.



Camels Sameer and Simran were rescued from the so-called Great Indian Circus, where they were forced to balance on

stools and were often tethered in an area strewn with plastic bags and fecal waste. They were thin and miserable and had lesions on their legs from being hobbled, but now they're thriving at the Animal Rahat sanctuary.



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Rani and her foal, Badal, were saved from the Great Kamal Circus, where they were forced to perform tricks. Rani was very thin, but she put on weight after being fed maize, molasses, wheat bran and other appropriate foods for horses. Both she and her beloved foal now spend their days rolling in the sand and roaming the grounds with other rescued horses.

Motherless and abandoned on the streets, tiny **Gopal** was being attacked by a pack of village dogs when he was rescued by Animal Rahat. He was barely a month old at the time and needed to be fed formula every



two to three hours. This brave and resilient little donkey is now safe and sound at Animal Rahat's sanctuary, where, ironically, his best buddy Guddi, is a dog.

Kalu has been at Animal Rahat's sanctuary since he was just 6 months old. His owner wasn't feeding him, and he was extremely weak. Today, with proper care and nutritious food, he has become the picture of health. Now fully grown, he's shy and solitary but enjoys taking dust baths and "play fighting" with a big truck tire.



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Designers nce & Beavan Sonva and Sundhar were forced to pull heavy carts loaded with sugarcane in the blazing-hot sun at a sugar factory. Bullocks in the sugarcane industry are commonly denied food, fresh drinking water and sufficient rest. These two were among the first

bullocks rescued as part of Animal Rahat's

Tractor Project, which offers tractors at a subsidized cost to owners who agree to retire their bullocks. The pair now live at Animal Rahat's



Home for Retired Bullocks and enjoy being scratched between the horns daily by their doting caretakers.

In the brick kilns of India, donkeys are forced to carry backbreaking loads of bricks. But Animal Rahat persuaded one brick kiln owner to use a tractor and retire all 22 of his donkeys. Rhamba's days of servitude are over, and she and her newborn foal, Bawari, will live out their days at Animal Rahat's partner sanctuary in the lush Nilgiri Hills, eating as much grass as they like and rolling in it, too!



If you would like to sponsor one of these rescued animals and help give other animals a chance at a better life. please visit AnimalRahat.com/Sanctuary.

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# What Baby Gir A PETA OBSERVER SHARES HER FEELINGS, WORKING AT A PIG FARM THAT SUPPLIES WHOLE FOODS.

When I was hired to work at a so-called "humane" farm that raises pigs for Whole Foods markets, it was the first time in my life that I had ever worked with pigs. It had never really sunk in before that pigs raised and killed for meat are just babies - they are sent to slaughter when they are just 6 months old. Walking into the pigs' enclosures was just like walking into a room full of puppies. They would come up to me and playfully chew on my boots, nip at my coveralls and tug at the zippers on my clothing, eager for attention.

They always wanted to play. They would wait until they had my attention, then run off while looking back to make sure I was following them. The facility where I worked kept more than 1,000 pigs. Despite the farm's claim that the pigs were "free-roaming," they never went outside. They spent their entire short lives confined to concrete-floored barns with hundreds of other pigs. They could look at – but never touch - the lush green fields that surrounded the barns.

With so many animals to care for, it was impossible for me to give each pig the individual attention that he or she craved, but I formed special bonds with more than a few. One pig I called "Baby Girl" was confined by herself to a sick pen after she arrived at the facility with what appeared to be a hematoma on her ear. I say "appeared" because no veterinarian ever examined her or diagnosed her injury. Whenever I had spare time, I would go into the pen and pet her until she flopped over for a tummy rub. Because she was being kept in isolation, she was desperate for company (pigs are extremely social animals).

Once Baby Girl's "hematoma" popped and drained, she was put back into the large enclosure with the other pigs. Even though she was housed with approximately 200 other pigs, it never took me long to find her - or for her to find me. She would come and greet me as I came into the

They spent their entire short lives confined to concrete-floored barns with hundreds of other pigs.

enclosure and then roll over, oblivious to all the pigs crowding around her. That's how much she loved her tummy rubs.

By the time I left the facility, Baby Girl was getting close to "market weight," meaning that she would be sent to slaughter shortly after my departure. I couldn't bear to think about how frightened she would be at a

slaughterhouse, surrounded by terrifying sights and sounds. Nobody would be there to pet her and tell her how beautiful she was. She would be viewed as just another walking pork chop – a means to a very bloody end – instead of a sensitive, affectionate young animal who just wanted a tummy rub.

# Teachers and Students Caught on Camera Mocking Animals

Give these teachers a D for Disrespect:

A biology teacher in Tampa juggled dead frogs slated for classroom dissection while his students laughed at his antics.

A teacher in Oklahoma City let students dance with the dead cats they were using for dissection in their anatomy class while playing the jingle from the Meow Mix cat food commercials

When teachers display a disregard for animal life, students are bound to follow suit. Every year, students are told to set aside their empathy and cut into dead animals, then poke around at their internal organs in an absurd exercise called "dissection." A peek at the "dissection" hashtag on Instagram shows that more often than not, dissection grabs students' attention because of its shock value, not for educational reasons. And teachers leading these exercises have been found sometimes failing to instill respect in their students, and encouraging (or not discouraging) ghoulish behavior, and even engaging in it themselves.

#### **In Steps PETA**

After PETA publicized videos of the recent cases mentioned above, the Tampa teacher was reprimanded by the school district following a complaint filed by PETA and a public outcry led the Oklahoma City school to end cat dissection following meetings with PETA.

PETA works with many schools to provide virtual dissection software,

including Digital Frog, which allow students to explore the inner workings of a living being without cutting into one (see the latest victories on page 11). PETA also

**BETRAYED** 

travels to science educator conferences across the country to teach instructors about this modern technology. Studies show that this software instructs students as well as or even better than animal-based methods, and sophisticated computer programs are also cheaper because they can be reused countless times.

The animals slated to be cut up in the classroom don't die peacefully. Many are commercially bred – or captured and snatched out of their natural homes. Lost cats end up on the slab, too: PETA investigations inside biological supply companies have found animals who were purchased from pounds and shelters crudely killed for classroom "show and tell." Some of them have been former animal

companions who were killed by drowning or were embalmed while still alive.

Not surprisingly, studies show that classroom dissection can foster callousness

> toward animals, and a recent fundraiser by the American Association for Laboratory Animal Science (AALAS) - a group that represents animal experimenters – proves the point. As part of an auction on the group's Facebook page, AALAS posted a disturbing photo of a rat skeleton mockingly posed as if reading a manual on animal welfare in the laboratory. The item was apparently made from a rat who had been killed in a laboratory, dissected and then likely boiled to remove the flesh before finally being made into a disrespectful prop. "This is going to be a

hot item!" one researcher commented on Facebook. Another, now a research division head, giddily exclaimed, "That was one of my rats!!! Sweet!" The crude post was taken down and the item removed from the auction after complaints by PETA.

## **Cut Out Classroom Cruelty**

If you have a child in school or are a teacher or a student, request that biology classes end dissection and upgrade to modern computer technology.



Exposes Suffering at Massive Pet Store Suppliers

Animals crammed into filthy, crowded plastic bins stacked into shelving units like filing cabinet drawers. Sick and injured animals denied veterinary care. Emaciated, severely dehydrated animals desperate for water. Animals cruelly killed by being gassed or frozen to death. PETA has seen it all before inside the dealer warehouses that breed and sell animals to pet stores, and now two more PETA eyewitness exposés at major pet store suppliers reveal yet more factory farm-like conditions – and suffering.

Animals died daily.

## Trapped in Bins, Dying in Agony

At Holmes Farm – a massive animal mill in Pennsylvania that supplies hamsters, rabbits, gerbils, chinchillas, ferrets and

other animals to
PetSmart, Petco
and other stores
— animals were
confined to crowded
bins or cages in filthy,
windowless warehouses.
The buildings reeked of
urine and feces, and one
floor was spattered with
blood where helpless prey
animals had been attacked
by the cats allowed to
roam freely throughout
the facility.

PETA's observer never saw any animals receive veterinary care. Instead, workers piled dozens of animals at a time into a feces-smeared cooler and gassed them. Live rats were stuffed into plastic zipper bags or tossed onto plastic lids and put in a freezer to die slowly and painfully, many to be sold later as food for snakes.

#### 'No Empathy for the Animals'

PETA eyewitnesses also documented systemic abuses and deprivation at Reptiles by Mack, an enormous reptile mill in Ohio. Tens of thousands of lizards, snakes, frogs, turtles, crustaceans and arachnids were confined to barren, filthy, crowded plastic tubs and deprived of even the most basic necessities, such as heat and UV lamps, veterinary care, fresh food and even water to drink and soak in. One worker told an eyewitness that tortoises were intentionally deprived of water, despite his repeated complaints. Upper management had "no ... empathy for the animals," he said. "They just really run it like a business."

Severely crowded bearded dragons fought for access to food, leading to mangled limbs, some just left by workers to rot off. One worker said that he had cut off a bearded dragon's leg with wire cutters and "snap[ped]" off their tails with his fingers. Parched, lethargic animals drank frantically for up to four minutes when a PETA eyewitness provided them with water. Dozens of escaped animals died on makeshift glue traps that weren't regularly checked. Animals were gassed in tiny plastic bags and tossed into a freezer.

Based on PETA's evidence, a team

of US Department of Agriculture officials descended on Holmes Farm, which is now under federal investigation. Under duress, Petco decided not to buy from this supplier anymore, but this is not the first time and we wonder if it will be the last time it is found using suppliers like this. PETA has also submitted its evidence from Reptiles by Mack to local authorities.

# Stock Up at Animal-Free Stores

Pledge never to buy pet supplies from retailers that sell any

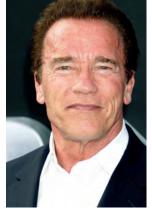
animals, and visit **PETA.org/Holmes** to sign a petition to PetSmart and Petco that you'll shop elsewhere until they end animal sales.



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# ANIMAL STARS







# ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

encouraged the audience at the international climate summit in Paris to help fight climate change by choosing plantbased meals.

Orange Is the New Black star TARYN
MANNING retweeted a PETA tweet asking people to spay and neuter their animals, adding her own appeal: "Please please please. So eazy!"

GERMANY is the first country in the world to ban macerators, which are commonly used by the egg industry to grind up live newborn male chicks who are deemed useless because of their inability to lay eggs or provide substantial amounts of flesh like chickens bred for meat.

Character actor **DANNY TREJO**, star of the *Machete* movies, has included delicious vegan fare, including a black pepper tofu taco, on the menu of his new L.A. restaurant, Trejo's Tacos.



# TRIGUEROS DEL VALLE, SPAIN,

passed a bill of rights for companion animals, which gives the town's dogs and cats rights similar to those of human citizens, including the right to be treated with respect.

Hollywood hottie

JUSTIN LONG put
himself in the shoes of
coyotes and tweeted
at PETA, "'Ugh, when
did fur-lined hoods on
jackets become such a
thing?!?' – coyotes.'" He
tagged retailer Canada
Goose, which sells furtrimmed parkas. See
PETA's TV spot targeting
the company at
PETA.org/CanadaGoose.

The View cohost

RAVEN-SYMONÉ

tweeted, "Mmm love
me some mexican food.

And #vegan? Even
better."



# CAFE SUNFLOWER S A GEORGIA Pench Atlanta's Cafe Sunflower is a dining hot spot, and everyone from Ludacris

to Liam Hemsworth is a fan. Much of the restaurant's popularity is owed to Shawain Whyte, a passionate and creative young chef from Jamaica who has been cooking since he was a child and who has a fascinating story to tell. When Shawain was 10, his aunt gave him a piglet. He named her Pinky and loved her to pieces. Pinky showed him how friendly, sensitive and smart pigs are. Then one morning, he woke up to the sound of Pinky screaming and ran to find that she'd been slaughtered. Heartbroken, from that day forward, Shawain questioned the idea that someone "has to die to satisfy anyone's hunger." Here, he shares one of his signature recipes. For more recipes and PETA's exclusive interview with Shawain, visit PETAPrime.org.

# **Beet Carpaccio with Cashew Ricotta**

1½ cups (225 g) cashews
1 medium red beet
½ cup olive oil
2 Tbsp. lemon juice
1 pinch salt + more for seasoning
2 tsp. garlic powder
1 tsp. onion powder
¼ cup nutritional yeast
1 tsp. dried oregano

1 tsp. minced fresh basil

- Place the cashews in a bowl, cover with cold water and let soak for 2 hours.
- Peel the beet and cut it carpacciostyle – in thin slices. In a bowl, whisk together the olive oil and lemon juice

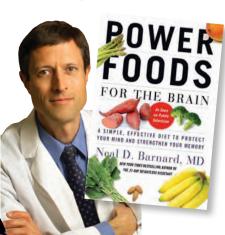
- with a pinch of salt. Add the beet slices and marinate while prepping the cashew ricotta.
- Drain the cashews, rinse with cold water and place in a blender or food processor. Blend on high into a thick paste. Transfer to a bowl and stir in the garlic powder, onion powder, nutritional yeast, oregano and basil.
   Season with salt, if desired. Cover tightly and let sit for 1 hour.
- To serve, place the beet slices in a single layer on a plate and top each with a dollop of the cashew ricotta.

Makes 4-5 servings

# DR. IN THE HOUSE

**Neal Barnard, M.D.**, author of *Power Foods for the Brain*, answers your questions about nutrition and health.

I know trans fats are unhealthy, but what's the verdict on saturated fats?



Saturated fat, which is found primarily in meat and dairy foods, is without a doubt unhealthy. A meta-analysis of 41 studies indicates that people whose diets are high in saturated fat have a 12% higher risk of developing heart disease and a 20% higher risk of dying from it, compared with those whose diets are low in saturated fat.

Studies have also shown that eating foods high in saturated fat can raise your risk for cancer,

obesity, diabetes, Alzheimer's disease and other health problems.

For instance, the Harvard Nurses' Health Study II, which involved more than 88,000 women, indicates that a diet high in animal fat greatly raises one's risk for breast cancer. Another study, published in the *International Journal of Cancer*, suggests that the saturated fat found in dairy foods can raise men's risk of death from prostate cancer. Diets high in saturated fats and sugar are also linked to

gastrointestinal cancers, including cancers of the stomach and esophagus.

And that's not all. Researchers have found that people who eat the most saturated and trans fats during midlife tend to have worse cognitive decline later in life.

No matter how old you are – or what gender – it's best to avoid fatty animal-based foods and instead eat wholesome plant-based foods to increase your odds of living a long, healthy life.







# **COWS TORMENTED** BY SPIKED NOSE RINGS **AT DAISY FARMS**

A tip from a whistleblower prompted PETA to send an eyewitness into Daisy Farms, which supplies milk for Daisy Brand sour cream and cottage cheese. The Paris, Texas, dairy farm likes to brag that it has the "best cared-for cows on the planet." but does it? Observers found sick animals and tools used to mutilate and torment them. Take a look:

- When cows had difficulty giving birth, workers attached chains to their unborn calves' legs and pulled them out of the
- Some calves were just hours old when they were put into wheelbarrows, carted to pickup trucks, upended into the truck beds and hauled off to tiny, cramped cubicles, where they were isolated and unable to

see any other calves. Many suffered from apparent pneumonia, lameness and scours a disease that gave them severe diarrhea, which scalded their skin.

- Since calves weren't allowed to nurse - because the milk meant for them is sold for human consumption – some were force-fed with feeding tubes inserted down their throats. Some employees accidentally forced fluid into calves' lungs and drowned two of them. One worker who killed a calf via force-feeding texted PETA's observer, "[D]ont [sic] tell anyone about that dead calf please."
- When the calves were a little older, they were moved into group pens. To prevent the motherless calves from desperately trying to nurse from one another, workers placed spiked rings on their noses.

- Workers used caustic paste to burn away the sensitive horn tissue on calves' heads. a painful method of "dehorning" that is performed without painkillers. Employees used "loppers," or quillotine cutters, a gruesome tool that looks like a pair of bolt cutters with a guillotine blade at the end, to amputate a heifer's sensitive horns.
- Some cows and calves suffered for weeks without adequate care for illnesses and injuries. Two cows with severe lacerations on their tails were never seen by a veterinarian. to the knowledge of PETA's observer, including one whose wound was seen bleeding more than three weeks after her tail had been severed. Instead, a manager wrapped a tight elastic band around her tail so that the tissue would eventually die and slough off.



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• Some sick animals were finally shot, while others were killed by injections of antibiotics to induce a heart attack, a cruel way to kill a

> conscious animal. A calf who was killed in this way gasped and convulsed violently for three minutes before dying.

# **Dreadful Goings-On at Daisy Farms**

Cows – including those who were in labor or had just given birth - were kicked, whipped and even jabbed with a pen or a knife. To move them, workers twisted their tails – which can cause severe

pain and even break the delicate bones inside. "You gotta do what you gotta do," shrugged one worker.

One supervisor left mother cows with their heads locked in stanchions – frames that hold their heads in place for milking – for over two hours, forcing them to stand virtually motionless and unable to drink water, even though lactating cows usually need to drink up to 35 gallons of water

Older cows who were no longer producing a satisfactory amount of milk were sent to slaughter. One worker said that a cow with massive uterine tumors might be seen later "at McDonald's."

## Pledge to Go Vegan

 Many of the abuses PETA found at Daisy Farms are common on dairy farms across the US. The only way to ensure that no animals suffer for your sour cream, cheese, milk, ice cream, coffee creamer or yogurt is to choose vegan versions of these products. Please visit PETA.org, PETA.org.uk or **PETA.org.au** and pledge to go vegan in order to stop supporting cruelty to cows and other animals



abused in the food industry.



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# NIH to End Baby Monkey Experiments

Following an intensive PETA campaign, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) announced that it is ending its cruel psychological experiments on baby monkeys conducted for more than 30 years.

# **Gump's San Francisco Pulls Snakeskin Products**

After hearing from PETA, retail giant Gump's San Francisco agreed to remove snakeskin products from its shelves, becoming alligator, crocodile- and now snake-skin free.

# Restaurant Chain Removes 'Humane' Meat Labeling

Following discussions with PETA, Boston-based Tasty Burger agreed to stop marketing its beef burgers as "certified humane." There is no such thing as humane meat (see page 3).

# More Retailers Stop Using Angora

Genesco, GUESS, James Perse Los Angeles and The Kooples joined more than 110 top brands in banning angora products after learning from PETA that rabbits on angora farms scream in pain as their hair is ripped out.

# Kikkoman Ends Animal Tests

Following a vigorous PETA campaign that included social media posts, media stories, phone call blitzes and more than 100,000 protest e-mails

to the company's US offices, Kikkoman soy sauce company ended its long-standing practice of experimenting on animals.

# Animal Park to Relinquish All Primates

Following dozens of violations of the Animal Welfare Act (AWA), North Carolina roadside zoo Buffalo Beals was ordered by the USDA to relinquish all primates. For years, PETA has called for the animals' release, citing reports that primates languished in filthy, squalid enclosures strewn with their own waste

# NIH Promotes Cruelty-Free Research

Following recommendations from PETA and the PETA International Science Consortium, the NIH's recently released five-year strategic plan includes acknowledgement of the failure of animal experiments to translate to humans and commitment to greater investment in organs-on-chips and other cutting edge methods to replace animal tests.

# More Companies Call On Suppliers to End Cow Mutilations

Following talks with PETA, leading dairy producers HP Hood and Lifeway and natural-food retailer Sprouts set policies in support of polled, or naturally hornless, cattle. This decision is a first step toward eliminating dehorning – during which horn tissue is painfully burned or gouged out of animals' heads – from the companies' supply chains.

#### **Malls Ban Animal Exhibits**

The Phillipsburg Mall in New Jersey and the Santa Rosa Mall in Florida – which previously hosted the Cole Bros. Circus – committed not to have animal exhibits back on their properties after learning from PETA that animals used by circuses and other exhibitors are dragged across the country in cages or shackles and typically beaten, whipped or shocked into performing tricks.

# **Uber Pulls Leather-Interior Requirement**

After PETA pointed out to on-demand transportation leader Uber that today's socially conscious millennials are opposed to killing and skinning cows for environmentally unfriendly leather car interiors, the company removed the leather requirement for UberBLACK cars.

# **Greyhound Track Closing**

Following a campaign that included a PETA UK petition with nearly 15,000 signatures, Merton Council approved a planning application that will close Wimbledon Greyhound Stadium and transform it into the new home of Wimbledon football.

# PETA Asia Leads on Social Media

PETA Asia was named the most influential international charity on China's leading social media site. Sina Weibo.

# Military Trauma Training Courses Shut Down

Based on a complaint filed by PETA, county officials issued a cease-and-desist order preventing SIMMEC Training Solutions from holding a military trauma training course in San Diego – during which 20 pigs were scheduled to be maimed and killed – and led the ranch that leased the property to terminate its contract with SIMMEC. PETA also stopped the same kind of cruel training by Assessment and Training Solutions Consulting Corporation in Suffolk, Virginia.

# Companies End SeaWorld Support

After a push by PETA, D.F. Stauffer Biscuit Company ended the production and sale of SeaWorld-branded Shamu cheddar whale crackers and the website Coupon Cabin removed all discounts for the cruel park.

# **Animal Dissection Cut Out**

When Belmont-Cragin Elementary School in Chicago and the Truth or Consequences Municipal Schools and Bataan Military Academy in New Mexico asked for help replacing animal dissection with humane teaching tools in its classrooms, PETA donated Digital Frog virtual-dissection software to the schools. Also, following years of urging from PETA, the Miami-Dade school district banned cat dissection in all schools.

# Chinese Company Joins PETA's Cruelty-Free Cosmetics List

In a historic move for animals poisoned and killed in laboratories in China, Shanghai-based personal-care company Eco&more became the very first Chinese company to join PETA's cruelty-free list of companies that never test their products, formulations or ingredients on animals.

# **USDA Moves to Protect Captive Bears**

A PETA petition netted a promise by the USDA to adopt policies that would better protect bears confined to barren, decrepit concrete pits at rundown roadside zoos.

#### **Eatery Removes Foie Gras**

Following a nudge from a local PETA UK supporter, The Lodge restaurant in London removed foie gras – which is produced by force-feeding geese and ducks through pipes that are rammed down their throats – from the menu.



# Vincelee Stevens PETA Augustus Club and Vanguard Society member

# WHAT MY LEGACY WILL BE

PETA is my inspiration and support; PETA makes it possible to live a cruelty-free life and empowers me to help educate others about the impact of their everyday actions. Without PETA, we would not have the power to influence companies to make ethical choices. The more I become involved with PETA, the more I am impressed by its resolve, effectiveness, and efficiency.

Of course, all this work takes resources, and that is why I am including PETA in my estate plans. I know of no better legacy than to continue helping animals even after I'm gone!

# Plan Your Legacy of Compassion: PETA.org/MyLegacy

PETA is honored to have the opportunity to carry forward legacies of compassion from members like Vincelee. Without this financial support, PETA could not be the strong force for animals that it is today. Planned gifts, such as bequests in a will or trust, and benefits from a life insurance policy or retirement plan are critical sources of support for all of PETA's programs.

If you have made plans to leave a legacy for animals through a planned gift to PETA, we encourage you to let us know so that we can properly thank you. You will be joining a select group of PETA members who are at the very heart of PETA's work to save animals.

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# BABY OSTRICHES BUTCHERED FOR BUMPY-SKIN BAGS...



many to slip and fall - before turning them upside down and slitting their throats. The ostriches next in line could see their flock mates being killed. A slaughterhouse manager pointed to the bumpy skin and said, "This is where the money is made."

# Minks Gassed en Masse for Fur From pricey handbags to the

For two months last year, a PETA eyewitness documented the living hell for minks and foxes on a fur farm in Wisconsin.

At the slaughterhouse, workers forced

terrified ostriches into stun boxes - causing

Wild minks spend much of their time in rivers and streams. But when forced to live caged in their own waste, these minks' fur can become extremely soiled. The farmer's answer: Blast the cages with a highpressure washer – with the minks still inside them. One mink, named Miss Mary by PETA's observer, was so terrified by the noise of the pressure washer that she chewed a hole through the metal bars of the cage, causing her mouth to bleed profusely.

When it came time to kill the minks, workers roughly grabbed and pulled them out of the cages by their sensitive tails,

...AND OTHER DIRTY FASHION-INDUSTRY SECRETS

cramming as many as 30 of them at a time into a metal drum as the animals screamed in terror. The drum - which was also used to kill foxes – was then pumped full of hot carbon monoxide-filled exhaust from a running engine, crudely suffocating them.

# 'Sacred Cows' Slaughtered for Leather

Almost 2 million cows and bullocks are smuggled from India into Bangladesh to be killed for their skins every year. A PETA eyewitness documented that many cows were so emaciated, exhausted and malnourished that they couldn't stand up by the time they reached Bangladesh. They suffered from broken tails and open, festering wounds.



In the slaughterhouses, workers bind



animals' legs and slit their throats while they're still conscious, and the animals are sometimes still alive and kicking as their skin is torn off. Other animals are killed right on the streets at night.

# No Such Thing as 'Humane'-Certified **Angora Rabbit Farms**

On angora farms in China that were deemed "humane" by third-party auditors, PETA confirmed that live rabbits are tied down and their fur is ripped out. They're also forced to live in horrendous conditions. Most rabbits were suffering from a severe skin irritation, and no one treated their serious and chronic infections, sores, malnutrition or respiratory distress. Some rabbits were so sick and weak that they lay in their own droppings and urine, motionless or panting.

The auditing system is a farce. As PETA and its affiliates' exposés have shown, cruelty to animals is inherent in mass

# Caught Again: Sheep Kicked and Mutilated for Wool

PETA's latest video exposé of the wool industry revealed that workers on a massive sheep farm in Australia cut flesh off sheep's

and kicking them – and that's just the tip of the iceberg. Over the course of 16 months, PETA released five exposés recorded at 37 facilities on three continents (Australia, the United States and South America). revealing that sheep are mutilated, abused and skinned alive – even for "responsibly sourced" wool on so-called "sustainable"

**RABBITS** 

# **Dogs Bludgeoned in the Leather Industry**

A deeply disturbing PETA Asia undercover investigation revealed that dogs are bludgeoned and killed so that their skin can be turned into leather gloves, belts, jacket collar trim, cat toys and other

the world to unsuspecting customers. At the slaughterhouse, the eyewitness filmed workers as they grabbed one dog after another around the neck with metal pincers and bashed them over the head with a wooden pole. Some dogs fell unconscious. while others cried out and writhed in agony, struggling to breathe even after their throats were cut. Finally, workers tore their skin off. Dogs who were next in line for slaughter wailed and barked as a worker hit them on the way to the killing floor. One employee told the eyewitness that this facility bludgeons and skins 100 to 200 dogs a day.



- Share PETA's exposés on social media, and join the fashion revolution by directing everyone you know to **PETA.org** and **PETA.org.uk** for tips on finding animal-friendly clothing, shoes and
- Visit **PETA.org**, **PETA.org.uk** or **PETA.org.au** to learn more about PETA's ostrich skin investigation, then click on the "Take Action" button to send a letter asking Hermès to ditch all exotic skins.







cheapest pair of leather shoes, the

fashion industry is making a killing.

conditions inside the largest ostrich

In South Africa, PETA documented

slaughter companies in the world, including

the exclusive supplier of ostrich skins for

Hermès Birkin bags. Ostrich skin is also

used to make boots, wallets, belts and

watch bands. The feathers – sometimes

dusters, showgirl boas and accessories.

packed into open-topped trailers to be

caught a worker on camera striking an

ripped from live birds' skin – go into feather

The birds – barely 1 year old – are

hauled to slaughter, and PETA's observers

ostrich in the face twice during transport.

# CAMPAIGN NEWS

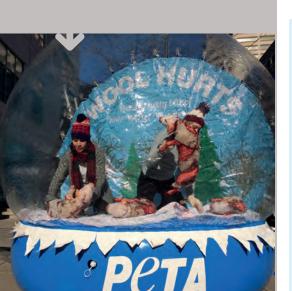


# Russia: Don't Send Monkeys to Mars

A dying "monkey" lay outside the Russian Embassy in London to protest the Russian Federal Space Agency for conducting cruel and unnecessary space experiments on monkeys. These smart, sensitive animals would suffer immensely during the years of stressful tests and training – as well as during any potential mission into outer space.

# Giant Snow Globe Shows Nothing Wonderful About Wool

In a scene resembling a winter clothing ad gone horribly wrong, PETA inflated a giant snow globe – and inside the globe, PETA members wearing "woolly" sweaters, hats and mittens beat up two realistic-looking prop sheep. The provocative display was part of PETA's "Wool-Free Winter" campaign, alerting consumers to the fact that sheep are beaten, punched, kicked and even killed by angry, impatient shearers on farms on three continents where PETA has investigated shearing.





# Joss Stone's Exotic Ad Saves Exotic Animals

Joss Stone wants people who buy exoticanimal skins to start singing a different tune. The sultry singer stars in a new PETA UK ad (check it out at **PETA.org.uk** and **PETA. org/Stone**) shot in the wake of a PETA exposé of farms that supply crocodile and alligator skins to Hermès-owned tanneries.

# 'Pig' Protests 'Humane Meat' Myth

A crying "pig" led a protest against Whole Foods in Philadelphia, and PETA supporters called on shoppers to reject the "humane meat" myth (see page 3) and go vegan. Whole Foods is being called out for marketing its meat as "humane."

# Milk's Hidden Ingredients Upset Dairy Conference

A pool of "blood" surrounded a "calf" and a gigantic milk carton highlighted cruelty in milk and cheese production outside the BC Dairy Industry Conference in Vancouver. PETA's carton listed some common "ingredients" found in cow's milk, including the facts that newborn calves are torn from their mothers after birth and that cows are sent to slaughter when their milk production



# **Provocative Display Offers Food for Thought**

At busy intersections in various US states, a PETA member lay on a giant plate to make the point that, just like humans, animals are individuals who have thoughts, feelings and personalities and want to live. Lots of passersby took "Glass Walls" DVDs and vegan starter kits.



# **PETA Gives Fur Coats to the Needy**

PETA partnered with homeless shelters in various US cities to distribute fur coats to women living in shelters. Thanks to dozens of kind people who dumped fur in favor of kinder garments, PETA was able to offer a helping hand to those in desperate need – the only people with any excuse for wearing fur.



PETA and the Animal Place sanctuary held a Super Bowl party in honor of some 90 hens rescued from egg farms, who relaxed in their own little football stadium as they waited for their adoptive families to pick them up. The festivities were hosted by four-time NBA champion John Salley and attended by celebrity guests, including Moby, Jodi Lyn O'Keefe, Piggy D., Holly Marie Combs and Jane Velez-Mitchell. Sexy cheerleaders kept human guests supplied with vegan "wings" and other





# Fixed! Every Dog and Cat in a Philippines Cemetery

Sarhento Mariano Cemetery is in one of the poorest "neighborhoods" on the outskirts of Manila, where about 100 poverty-stricken families and their animals camp amid the gravestones and in the crypts. Most residents cannot afford even basic veterinary care, and the animal population had spiraled out of control. But PETA Asia changed that, spaying/neutering and vaccinating almost 300 cats and dogs living there. They also treated mange, parasite infestations and other diseases – at no cost to the animals' guardians.

## What You Can Do

Please help support PETA Asia's work to stem the flow of homeless and abused dogs and cats in the Philippines by donating to PETA's Global Compassion Fund. Visit **PETA.org/GCF** to donate, and specify that you want your donation to go toward

# Hollywood Anima Trainer Caught Whipping a Tiger

A PETA
eyewitness
caught
Hollywood
animal trainer
Michael

Hackenberger

– who supplied the tiger used in *Life of Pi* and *The Interview* – on video repeatedly swearing at and savagely whipping a young Siberian tiger during a "training session." In PETA's video, which you can watch at **PETA.org/Tiger**, Hackenberger shares his methods of making physical punishment more painful, stating, "I like hitting him in the face. And the paws ... It stings more."



## 'Coyotes' vs. Canada Goose Jackets

PETA "coyotes" stood in leghold traps outside Paragon Sports on Broadway during New York Fashion Week to protest the store's huge selection of Canada Goose outerwear. PETA also released a video juxtaposing Canada Goose's coyote furtrimmed and down jackets with disturbing footage of a coyote in a leghold trap. Watch the video at PETA.org/CanadaGoose.

# Sia Sings Against Seal Slaughter in Web Blitz

Pop sensation **Sia** teamed up with PETA for a musical Web blitz targeting the Canadian commercial seal slaughter. She provided music for a riveting computer-animation spot in which a seal designer presides over a fashion show featuring animal models who wear human body parts.

See the spot at **PETA.org/Sia.** 

# 'Turkey' Urges, 'Put Yourself in My Place!'

How would you feel if a human being was stuffed, roasted and served for a holiday dinner? That's a question PETA asked people as a member lay in the street in a "trussed up" pose beside two giant "turkey carcasses" on a cutting board.



