



January 31, 2019

Randy Day
Chief Executive Officer
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Dear Mr. Day,

I'm writing on behalf of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) and our more than 6.5 million members and supporters worldwide to discuss how Perdue can attempt to make amends in some meaningful way for the loss of life of some 16,000 chickens in the [recall of more than 16,000 pounds of chicken nuggets](#) because of mislabeling and [68,244 pounds](#) as a result of possible contamination by wood chips. Please consider donating life-promoting vegan foods to a local charity in recognition of these animals.

Intelligent and empathetic, chickens who aren't confined to factory prisons live in complex social structures, recognize one another, form friendships, and experience rapid eye movement when they sleep—i.e., like you and me, they dream. Just like human mothers who talk to their babies *in utero*, hens begin to teach calls to their chicks before they hatch. They're also fiercely protective of their young.

As you know, chickens suffer horrifically before they're shipped to slaughter. Those raised for their flesh are crammed by the tens of thousands into putrid, windowless sheds, and through genetic selection and the use of growth-promoting drugs, they're bred to grow big *very fast*. As a result, skeletal problems are common and some birds die from ascites, a disease believed to be caused by the inability of their hearts and lungs to keep up with their unnaturally rapid bone growth.

These days, there's never a good reason to slaughter any animal, but these animals suffered and died for absolutely *no reason at all*. In light of this tragic and complete waste of life, I hope you'll agree to donate vegan food items, such as [the many delicious vegan chicken nuggets on the market](#) to a local charity in their memory.

Sincerely,

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