

February 22, 2013

Jimmy Fallon
Late Night With Jimmy Fallon
c/o Eric Kranzler

Dear Mr. Fallon:

I hope this message finds you well. *Late Night With Jimmy Fallon* has many fans here at PETA—we love the show!

We were sorry to see that animal exhibitor Jeff Musial has been featured on the show a number of times since 2009—most recently on February 13 of this year. We have received numerous complaints from viewers who are upset that animals brought on the show by Musial are mishandled and often appear to be terrified. Indeed, Musial shows little compassion for the animals in his care, whom he yells at and handles roughly. **I'm writing to ask you to make the compassionate decision never to feature Jeff Musial's animal act on *Late Night With Jimmy Fallon* again.**

During Musial's most recent appearance on your show, he mishandled a terrified crowned hornbill who was clearly distressed and tried to escape from Musial's hold by frantically flapping his wings. He also cruelly taunted an alligator mother whose babies had been taken from her to be used like props on the show. His rough treatment of an alligator snapping turtle during a September 2009 episode was shocking, and during a June 2010 episode, he blatantly ignored the growling and whimpering of a baby badger who was clearly petrified and highly distressed.

Musial often brings animals on the show who are far too young to be separated from their mothers. For instance, in July 2009, he brought an 8-month-old spider monkey on the show (our primatologist asserts that the monkey was likely much younger than Musial claimed). Only a shockingly callous and irresponsible animal handler would subject an infant monkey to the bright lights and chaos of a stage set.

We know that you care for animals, and we suspect that you have felt uncomfortable with Musial's treatment of animals on your show. We hope that you will listen to your gut and direct your staff to stop booking Musial on the show. In a recent [behind-the-scenes interview](#), Musial states that he has plans for even more shocking antics during his next appearance on your show.

We are at your service if you have any questions or would like more information. I can be reached at 206-898-3653 or JuliaG@peta.org. Thank you for your time and consideration of this important issue.

Sincerely,

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