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Dear Messrs. Howard and Grazer:

I'm writing from PETA's Animals in Film and Television division about the upcoming Siegfried & Roy series you're producing. We hope you will omit real lions and tigers—and any other wild animals—from your series and instead opt for CGI depictions of big cats.

There is perhaps no more famous example of the dangers inherent in using wild animals than the source material for your show. Despite Roy Horn's frequent appearances with tigers on stage, he sustained life-threatening injuries when he was finally attacked by a tiger. Wild animals are exactly that—wild—and no amount of training can ever completely override their natural instincts, making them extremely dangerous.

The ugly reality behind the animal-training industry begins long before production starts on set, as animals exploited for movies and TV shows are routinely separated from their mothers prematurely and denied the maternal care that they need for normal development, resulting in extreme psychological distress. Hollywood trainers have been repeatedly caught using violence and abusive training behind the scenes so that on set, animals will perform on cue. [A PETA eyewitness investigation](#) uncovered that a tiger supplier for *Life of Pi* and *The Interview* viciously whipped a young tiger. [PETA](#) and [law-enforcement investigations](#) have both found animals living in deplorable conditions at prominent suppliers.

It's clear why tigers might act defensively—whether when forced to perform for a Vegas magic show or on a chaotic TV set. This story can be told without continuing the cruel animal exploitation that Siegfried & Roy were criticized for and that resulted in the nearly fatal attack on Roy by a wild animal.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely,

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