



July 2, 2025

The Honorable Vice Admiral Peter W. Gautier
Acting Commandant
U.S. Coast Guard

Dear Acting Commandant Gautier:

Thank you for your letter postmarked June 23, 2025¹—in response to PETA’s June 5, 2025, letter²—in which you reaffirm that the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) “does NOT, nor does it intend, to conduct live tissue training” using animals and “commend [PETA’s] efforts to identify modern and effective training tools to better train surgeons, medical, and first responders to save lives.”

For the sake of transparency and reassurance to stakeholders, we hope you will please consider publicizing the USCG’s reaffirmed commitment to not pursue live tissue training on animals and/or accordingly update Commandant Instruction 6320.9 (COMDTINST 6320.9) titled “Emergency Medical Services (EMS)” —which is dated April 22, 2025, but was posted publicly apparently for the first time on June 2, 2025. As we pointed out in our June 5, 2025, letter to the USCG, section 15.f. of COMDTINST 6320.9 states, “Live Tissue Training (LTT). TCCC-CMC level (or equivalent) practitioners are permitted to attend a DoD or DHS sanctioned LTT as part of mission or deployment preparation.”³

PETA entities have more than 9 million members and supporters worldwide, and we remain committed to supporting innovative, animal-free trauma training. We look forward to continued dialogue and collaboration in pursuit of this shared goal throughout the rest of the armed forces. You can contact me directly at ShalinG@peta.org. Thank you for all of your efforts in behalf of animals.

Sincerely yours,

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¹Response from the Acting Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard, Gautier PW, to Gala S. at PETA. June 23, 2025. Accessed June 27, 2025. <https://www.peta.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/06/2025-06-24-response-to-letter-to-uscg-commandant-ask-to-end-viv-in-ltt.pdf>.

²Letter from Gala S. at PETA to the Acting Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard, Admiral Lunday KE. June 5, 2025. Accessed June 27, 2025. <https://www.peta.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/06/2025-06-05-letter-to-uscg-commandant-re-reinstatement-of-ltt.pdf>.

³U.S. Coast Guard. Emergency Medical Services (EMS), COMDTINST 6320.9. (n.d.). April 22, 2025. Accessed June 4, 2025. <https://media.defense.gov/2025/Jun/02/2003730417/-1/-1/0/CI63209.PDF>.

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