

Dear Ms. Levy,

I'm writing on behalf of PETA's 10.4 million members worldwide and everyone who cares about animal welfare, about *Fear Factor: The Next Chapter*. Given the show's history of exploiting and harming animals, we're asking you to allow only *willing human participants* to compete and leave animals out of the reboot.

Since *Fear Factor*'s original run over twenty years ago, audiences have become overwhelmingly opposed to mistreating animals for a television show. Some of the situations that *Fear Factor* has put animals through in the past—such as bull riding, yanking alligators by their tails, and wrangling ostriches—are contrary to the letter and spirit of Canadian law.

British Columbia's Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, RSBC 1996, c 372, explicitly forbids causing an animal distress, including mental suffering caused by anxiety. In past segments, frenzied competitors—ignorant and uninformed of standards, regulations, or practices regarding animal handling—corral, chase, and grapple animals, inflicting significant psychological and emotional distress.

No preparation or precautions on set can spare animals from suffering fear and experiencing long-term ill effects when contestants scream in their faces, grab and pull their limbs, and stuff them into their mouths.

Animals in these types of "challenges" fear for their lives—they can't know that it's part of a show. **We urge you to reflect on the societal changes that have occurred since the early days of *Fear Factor* and commit to using only *consenting human* contestants.**

May we please hear from you right away?

Thank you for your attention. I can set up a meeting with one of our experts to discuss this issue further if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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