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A MESSAGE FROM Ingrid Newkirk



Dear *Animal Times* Reader,

Nowadays, the animal rights movement is so mainstream that many people have no idea that “vegan living” once evoked buying a house in Las Vegas.

PETA has achieved so much over the years: making “vegan” the hippest way to eat, putting the brakes on the angora rabbit-fur industry, stopping the National Institutes of Health’s torturous infant-monkey maternal-deprivation experiments, closing roadside zoos and rescuing dozens of bears and chimpanzees, exposing drug use on racetracks, getting elephants out of the circus and so much more.

And while PETA works to end specific kinds of cruelty like these, the organization’s mission is far greater: to ask, “Are you *for* animals or *against* them?” If you eat a poor fish whose only fault was to be born into a body that doesn’t resemble ours or you pay for something that harms an animal – a down pillow, a shampoo that doesn’t carry the cruelty-free label, a photo op with a tiger cub – remember that these living beings haven’t surrendered their freedom voluntarily. Their rights and lives were stolen from them. PETA’s guiding principle is that no animal exists for humans to use and abuse.

If I say that on a talk show, the host often asks, “So, if you ruled the world, would it be against the law to eat a

hamburger?” Yes, it would be. To steal from animals is cruel, supremacist and racist. There is the human race and there are the other races – and every decent person opposes racism. Let’s remind everyone that other species are exactly the same in the only ways that count: They feel pain, love, joy, grief and loneliness, and they desire freedom!

As animals’ guardian angels, we must actively interfere with those who would harm them. “Rescue” doesn’t just mean finding a home for a dog or cat. We rescue chickens when we ask someone to consider not ordering the chicken salad, because the birds’ wings are broken when they are slung into crates. We rescue mice when we persuade people not to donate to the March of Dimes, which poisons animals, but instead to Easter Seals, which uses non-animal tests.



We rescue tigers when we show friends the video of big cats whipped in the face by a trainer at a zoo.

Times have changed only because enough people have spoken out against treating women, orphans, people who are not white or who have disabilities, and others as if they had no rights.

People used to say about discrimination, “But everyone does this”; about slavery, “They were put here for us to use”; on the subject of child labor, “It makes things affordable”; and regarding battered women, “It’s none of your business.” We hear the very same words today about animal abuse. Let’s challenge this misguided perspective

and point out that all injustice is our business.

In my book *One Can Make a Difference*, supermodel **Petra Němcová** relates being on holiday in Thailand with her fiancé when the 2004 tsunami struck. A wave swept them out to sea, and her fiancé was killed. Petra was dragged under the waves, debris smashed into her, her pelvis was shattered, and she suffered internal injuries. Somehow, she became wedged in a tree. Eventually, the sea receded, leaving her there for hours, unable to move. She saw fish and other ocean life gasping, dying and lying injured like she was, and she suddenly understood that they were feeling exactly what she was feeling. She says, “If I could be granted one wish, it would be to convert ‘me’ into ‘we.’” We shouldn’t have to be hit by a tsunami to

realize this, and we must get others to realize it, too.

In India, desperately poor people live on the street. Once, my taxi stopped on a busy bridge, and I saw a woman sitting on the roadside with her

baby. Their belongings consisted of a tiny pile of things, less than what you could fit into a shopping cart. She was looking off into the distance, when suddenly, she stood up and pulled something wrapped in paper from the hem of her skirt. It was a ball of rice. She spread the wrapping on the ground and put the rice on it. Along came a thin mother dog, and the woman stood and guarded her as she ate. I thought: If this woman, who had almost nothing, could still share, what is wrong with us? We have food, shelter, freedom, a voice, time and energy. If we share them, we will be far more powerful than all the industries that hurt animals put together.

For all animals,

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Dogs Run Over, Cats Thrown in the Trash

HOW 'NO-KILL' POLICIES ARE KILLING ANIMALS



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When a woman in Connecticut tried to surrender her pit bull to an animal shelter because he was aggressive and she wasn't equipped to deal with his behavior, the shelter refused to accept him. Within hours, animal-control officers received reports of the dog running loose and began a search, but by then it was too late. He had been struck by a car and killed. Tragedies like this are happening all over the country because "no-kill" policies are causing animals to be turned away and sentenced to a painful death – in traffic, by starvation, from disease or at the hands of cruel people.

Detroit, Miami, San Antonio and other cities now have *thousands* of dogs living, suffering and dying outdoors without guardians to care for them. When municipal shelters start operating like exclusive boutiques or hobby "rescues" – only taking in a limited number of animals, accepting only the most adoptable ones, charging surrender fees and putting people on waiting lists for months – animals pay the price.

These "turn-away" policies are designed to keep euthanasia statistics low so that these facilities will appeal to donors and members of the public, but do the animals who are turned away just disappear? No, and neither do their problems.

For example, in Creswell, Oregon – as in many other towns in the state – there is nowhere left to take unwanted cats. The town contracts with a shelter that requires the finder to hold cats for five days before it will accept them – and then it will only take them if it has room, they are deemed adoptable and the person surrendering them makes a donation.

So cats in Creswell are being abandoned. Hearing what sounded like a baby crying inside a trash bin behind the city hall, a woman found a kitten tied inside a mesh bag and meowing frantically. The kitten was suffering from a respiratory illness and was covered with so many fleas that the water ran red when she was bathed. A rescue volunteer who helped care for her said, "[W]e see usually a lot

worse things; usually they're dead."

Three dogs who were discovered lying in the road by a mail carrier in rural Michigan weren't so lucky: All three had been hit by a car and killed. Authorities were able to track down the owner, who confessed to abandoning the dogs after he had been turned away by no fewer than *three* animal shelters.

Here is just a small sample of other recent "no-kill" horror stories:

- After being turned away by the local humane society, a man in Minnesota allegedly threw a dog he no longer wanted out a car window.
- A cat in New York was put in a carrier and thrown into a trash bin because the local shelter had a long waiting list and a \$25 surrender fee.
- A Chihuahua in Florida was reportedly abandoned in a crate next to a dumpster by a man who said that he couldn't afford the local shelter's \$20 surrender fee.
- A cat in California was strangled to death by his owners because the shelter had a waiting list and a \$150 surrender fee.



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Don't Buy the 'No-Kill' Lie

Blind faith in the "no-kill" approach is taking us back to the "bad old days" before we had animal shelters, when litters of kittens were drowned in rivers and packs of stray dogs lived and died on city streets. "No-kill" policies are not humane and do not represent progress – they are taking us backwards. It is vital that shelters accept *all* animals in need – without waiting lists or fees. Please support your local open-admission shelter.

**WHAT YOU
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A Sea of Suffering

Hundreds of Crabs Died Daily at Hermit Crab Supplier



Have you ever wondered where the hermit crabs you see for sale in pet stores and beach souvenir shops come from? Since it is extremely difficult to breed hermit crabs in captivity, they almost certainly were ripped from their natural seaside habitat. What happens to the crabs between the time they are torn from their beach homes and deposited in glass aquariums in the buyer's home is so harrowing that it costs many crabs life and limb.

Torn From the Seashore, Treated Like Trinkets

PETA recently went inside Brelean Corporation, an animal dealer in Florida that claimed to supply hermit crabs to PetSmart, Petco and other retailers.

The crabs at Brelean arrived by the thousands in burlap sacks, bags and boxes. Delicate Halloween crabs, another species sold by Brelean, arrived in plastic cups with almost no room to move around – and many of them were dead on arrival.

In order to force the crabs to move into painted shells (even though the paint can poison them), workers cracked open their natural shells using a manual lever press and tossed the exposed, live crustaceans into a bucket filled with decorated shells. Live crabs were also found among cracked shells that were destined for the trash.

Cages Littered With Limbs and Bodies

The crabs were crammed by the thousands

into barren, concrete-floored pens with no sand for digging – a deadly arrangement, because without deep, damp sand to burrow into, they can't molt and will eventually die. They can also slowly die of suffocation if the air is too dry, yet there were no gauges in the pens to measure humidity levels.

When the crabs were given water to drink, it came straight from the tap and still contained harmful chlorine, even though dechlorinators are inexpensive and widely available. They were also deprived of salt water, which is crucial to their well-being.

The pens were littered with limbs shed by the distressed animals, and hundreds of dead crabs were found daily amid the live ones. The owner referred to the dead animals as a "waste of money."

Those crabs who survive long enough to be purchased face a bleak, solitary life in a tiny home aquarium and an early death

from improper care by uninformed impulse buyers. In their natural habitat, hermit crabs can live for 30 years or more, but most captive ones die within a few months to a year of being purchased. Within days of the release of PETA's findings, PetSmart stated that one of its suppliers had cut ties with Brelean. However, PetSmart and Petco continue to sell hermit crabs with little regard to their complex needs.

Crusade for Crabs

Please urge PetSmart and Petco to keep hermit crabs where they belong – in the wild, not on store shelves – and let both companies know you will shop elsewhere until they end all animal sales. Visit PETA.org/Brelean to send a letter and to watch PETA's video exposé.

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DOGS SAVED

From Year-Long Pesticide Poisoning Tests

It's horrifying to contemplate, but dogs are commonly fed pesticides for a full year in painful and deadly toxicity tests around the world. However, after communicating with PETA, regulatory bodies in a wide range of countries are changing their requirements.

Until recently, many countries *mandated* tests in which dogs are forced to ingest pesticides daily for a year before finally being killed and dissected. Although these intensely cruel tests have been going on for decades, an extensive database of results

shows that they are actually of no use in determining human safety! So PETA has been working with government regulatory agencies around the globe to eliminate them – with great success:

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the European Union have eliminated them, and Brazil recently asked for public comments on eliminating them as well. Australia has provisions to waive the tests, and India and China do not require them.

After PETA provided evidence of the uselessness of the one-year dog-poisoning tests, Health Canada stopped requiring them and acknowledged PETA's assistance in its lifesaving decision. PETA is now working to persuade Japan and South Korea

to stop requiring them, too.

In another major milestone, PETA successfully resolved an impasse between the government and industry, and as a result, the EPA is taking steps to reduce the number of all animals used in toxicity tests. In these tests, toxic chemicals are applied to animals' eyes and skin, often causing them enormous suffering before they are finally killed. The agency is also exploring ways to align its pesticide testing and classification system with an international one so that pesticide companies using non-animal tests in one country won't have to perform animal tests in another.

PETA is working hard to get dogs and other animals out of laboratories and free from suffering as soon as possible.

Is Your Dream Vacation an Animal's Nightmare?

Vacationers who are captivated by animals often unwittingly contribute to their abuse by participating in cruel "swim-with-dolphins" programs or by visiting bear or alligator farms, elephant camps or tiger parks. Thailand's notorious tourist attraction and pseudo-sanctuary, the Tiger Temple, was recently raided and all 137 tigers were confiscated after years of accusations of animal abuse, drugging and trafficking.

Dolphins are often kept in small inadequate pools or polluted sea pens. Many facilities operate almost continuously, giving them little respite from the constant flow of excited visitors. Swim-with-dolphins programs are so cruel, MasterCard agreed to stop promoting them after hearing from PETA.

Bear and alligator farms frequently do double duty as both tourist attractions and

businesses that sell animal body parts to the exotic-skins industry and for use in Chinese medicine.

All elephants who are forced to give rides were taken from their mothers shortly after birth and "trained" through beatings, isolation and food deprivation. Patronizing elephant rides helps to perpetuate this suffering and keeps elephants in chains.

Tiger cubs, monkeys, parrots and other animals used as props in photo ops for tourists are tethered or dragged around by chains or ropes, constantly forced to interact with the public for hours on end, day after day. When not "working," they are warehoused in cramped barren cages.

Many exhibitors dupe the public into believing that they run a "sanctuary," but for the animals living there, the reality is actually quite bleak.

TERRIFIED TIGER CUB



WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP!

Don't Buy a Ticket

Never patronize any zoo, wildlife park, exhibit or show that derives profits from animals, and request that your travel agent not include these types of activities in your vacation plans.

For more information, please visit PETA.org/Travel.

ANIMAL STARS



After **MARIA MENOUNOS, LARRY KING** and friends enjoyed dinner at Craig's in L.A., Maria posted on Facebook, "[W]e loved the vegan ice cream."

DELTA AIR LINES earned a PETA **Compassionate Business Award** after it prohibited the shipping of companion animals as checked baggage in dangerous cargo holds.

Hip-hop star **DJ KHALED**, of "All I Do Is Win" fame, accepted Beyoncé's 22 Days Nutrition vegan challenge and posted inspirational messages, such as "I'm challenging myself to be greater!!"



Project Runway winner **CHRISTIAN SIRIANO** seems to have been inspired by his friends **TIM GUNN** and **ALICIA SILVERSTONE**, both PETA supporters. His latest collection of bags and wallets is vegan and benefits anti-poaching efforts.

Actor and model **JAIME KING** partnered with ColourPop Cosmetics to create a travel-friendly vegan beauty collection, *Alchemy*, while *Orange Is the New Black's* **RUBY ROSE** is the newest face of cruelty-free Urban Decay.



Director **JON FAVREAU** added a PETA **Innovation in Film Award** to his accolades after making Disney's new live-action *The Jungle Book* using computer-generated imagery instead of captive animals.



PINK added two rescued guinea pigs to her family, adopted from the Los Angeles Guinea Pig Rescue.



Love the taste of bacon but hate the cholesterol, saturated fat, and cruelty to pigs that comes with it? You're in luck! Vegan Good Things blogger Leinana Two Moons has written a new cookbook, *Baconish*, which is sure to satisfy all your smoky, salty cravings without harming a hair on a pig's tummy.

Leinana has devised a dozen different recipes for "bacon" – made with everything from jackfruit and carrots to shiitake mushrooms and eggplant. She says that her coconut bacon is a perennial favorite that will "make any vegan-bacon skeptic a true believer."

Baconish is chock-full of recipes for bacon-y breakfasts, soups, salads, sandwiches, desserts, entrées and more, including this luscious egg- and dairy-free carbonara sauce. Hungry for more? You can buy the book at PETACatalog.com.



BACON

Even a Pig Can Love

Butternut Squash Carbonara with 'Bacon' and Sage

- 2 Tbsp. olive oil
- Tempeh Bacon (recipe follows)
- 2 Tbsp. finely chopped fresh sage
- 2 lb. (900 g) butternut squash, peeled, seeded and diced
- 1 onion, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, chopped
- Salt and ground black pepper, to taste
- 2 cups (470 ml) vegetable broth
- 12 oz. (340 g) fettuccine, cooked according to package directions
- + ¼ cup reserved cooking water

- Heat the oil in a skillet over medium-high heat. Add the Tempeh Bacon and cook, stirring occasionally,

until crisp and browned, about 5 minutes. Add the sage and toss to coat. Transfer to a bowl and set aside.

- Add the squash, onion and garlic to the same skillet and cook over medium heat. Season with salt and pepper and cook, stirring occasionally, until the onion is translucent, 8 to 10 minutes. Add the broth and bring to a boil. Reduce to a simmer and cook until the liquid is reduced by half, 15 to 20 minutes. Remove from the heat and allow to cool. Transfer to a blender and purée until smooth.

- Combine the pasta, puréed squash and the reserved cooking water in the

skillet. Toss and cook over medium heat. Serve the pasta topped with the Tempeh Bacon.

Makes 4 servings

For the Tempeh Bacon: Thinly slice then coarsely chop 4 oz. (115 g) of soy tempeh. In a bowl, whisk together 1/8 cup (30 ml) tamari, 1 Tbsp. maple syrup, 1½ tsp. apple cider vinegar, 1½ tsp. liquid smoke, 1 Tbsp. olive oil, 1 tsp. tomato paste and ¼ tsp. garlic powder. Place the tempeh and marinade in a shallow dish, toss to coat, cover and refrigerate for several hours.



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DR. IN THE HOUSE

Neal Barnard, M.D., author of *Power Foods for the Brain*, answers your questions about nutrition and health.

Q I have a hard time losing weight. Is there anything I can do to speed up my metabolism?

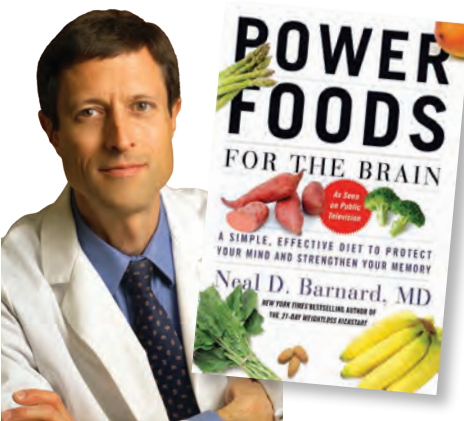
A Yes! Eat healthy vegan foods rather than meat, eggs and dairy products. Plant-based foods tend to be low in fat and calories, and they're rich in fiber and complex carbohydrates, which help boost your metabolism, so you burn more calories.

The Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine conducted a study involving women who complained that their metabolism seemed very slow. One said, "When I was

young I could eat anything, but nowadays I gain weight just by looking at food!" By measuring metabolism using a device that allows us to determine a person's calorie-burning speed, we know that it can slow over time.

Researchers measured each study participant's metabolism and then gave them breakfast. Each woman's metabolism picked up after she absorbed the nutrients from the meal, and it stayed higher for several hours, which is normal.

The women were then put on a low-fat plant-based diet. Fourteen weeks later, the researchers measured the participants' metabolism again. The average after-meal metabolism had gone up 16%! That might not sound like much, but if you get an extra boost three times a day, it definitely adds up. Many vegan foods contain nutrients that help burn calories; in other words, low-fat plant-based foods give you a weight-control edge.



LOOK BELOW *the SURFACE* and YOU'LL SEE DYING ORCAS and DYING PROFITS.

SeaWorldofHurt.com

SEAWORLD IS STILL UNDER SIEGE

SeaWorld is getting hit from all sides. Its stock continues to plummet, many on its management team have jumped ship and its competitors are evolving. The number of season pass holders is down. Even the abuse park's CEO Joel Manby admitted that a public "attitudinal change" had prompted its decision to stop breeding more orcas.

But that shift does not go far enough. Shortly after SeaWorld's announcement, PETA held a news conference in San Diego, during which a panel of experts called on the company to begin the process of moving the animals from cramped concrete tanks to protected coastal sanctuaries where they will be able to live in a more natural and spacious environment.

"We have an opportunity whereby all the captive marine mammals – particularly dolphins and orcas – need to be removed. Those orcas need to be moved [to an ocean sanctuary] now. Time is of the essence."

– Jean-Michel Cousteau, president of the Ocean Futures Society

The National Aquarium has already launched such a project, announcing plans to move the eight dolphins it once used in shows to a sanctuary, and the nonprofit Whale Sanctuary Project is researching a site and drafting a strategic plan for building the first marine mammal sanctuary in North America.

Celebrities Slam SeaWorld

In two new hard-hitting PETA ads, Lily Tomlin's iconic "Ernestine" character fields complaint calls at SeaWorld, "where everybody has a whale of a time – except for the whales," and actor Kate del Castillo floats underwater surrounded by the grave markers of some of the 38 orcas, or "Shamus," who have died prematurely on SeaWorld's watch.

During SeaWorld's online annual meeting, X-Files star Gillian Anderson submitted a question on behalf of PETA – which owns stock in the company in order to educate stakeholders and propose policy changes – asking it to build coastal sanctuaries.

After an orca named Morgan deliberately "beached" herself at the Loro Parque aquarium in Tenerife, Spain, where she and five others are on indefinite loan from SeaWorld, Sir Roger Moore called on tourists to stay away from facilities that hold orcas captive.

Sense8 star Alfonso Herrera went on location at SeaWorld San Diego to film a PETA video showing how unnatural it is for orcas – who, in nature, would swim up to 100 miles a day with their families – to spend most of their time lying motionless in the water.

Tilikum's Terrible Legacy

Tilikum – the orca who was the subject of *Blackfish*, the damning documentary about SeaWorld – is reportedly ill. He was taken from his mother and his ocean home more than 30 years ago. SeaWorld has exploited him as a sperm bank to produce more orcas in order to provide a steady stream of animals for use in the marine park's shows. Depressed and frustrated, he has killed three people.

Says "SeaWorld receptionist" Ernestine, "I work at SeaWorld. It's not my job to think."



Moving Forward

The 28 orcas still languishing in SeaWorld's and Loro Parque's tanks must not remain there until the day they die. PETA has withdrawn its shareholder resolution calling on SeaWorld to end its captive orca-breeding program, following the company's decision to do just that, and will submit a new resolution calling for the orcas to be moved to seaside sanctuaries, where they will finally be able to have some semblance of a natural life.

Orcas in Tanks? No, Thanks!

Send a letter to SeaWorld asking that the orcas held captive there be transferred to a coastal sanctuary:

PETA.org/SeaSanctuary.

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP!

Saved! From Living Hell to Loving Home

Leela Is Safe, but Others Still Need Your Help

Leela – suffering from an upper respiratory infection, her left eye sealed shut with a thick discharge – was one of thousands of animals languishing in a massive animal mill in Pennsylvania that supplies hamsters, rabbits, gerbils, chinchillas, ferrets and other small animals to big-box pet store chains across the eastern United States. PetSmart is among its customers, and – until PETA's investigation – so was Petco. PETA's eyewitness rushed Leela to a veterinarian, and now she has fully recovered.

Following PETA's exposé, Petco cut ties with the mill, and more than 141,000 consumers pledged never to shop at any store that sells live animals. But more animals need our help. Please help us reach them! Monthly donors to PETA's Investigations & Rescue (I&R) Fund help PETA expose and end abuse. Our investigations have led to the closure of cruel exotic animal dealers and breeders, laboratories and other abusive facilities as well as to the rescue of tens of thousands of animals. Monthly pledge donors receive inspiring updates on animals they've helped, like Leela.



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Elephants Chained for Years at Indian Temples



Ramprasad spent his days chained by all four legs on a concrete platform.

his head and swaying at the Neyyattinkara Sree Krishna Swami Temple in Kerala. His face is sunken, and his backbone sharply protrudes.

Then there are the miserable elephants used for the Thrissur Pooram festival in Kerala, who commonly suffer from painful abscesses, other serious injuries or visual impairment. Chained by all four legs, they are forced to stand in the sweltering heat with little food or water.

Relief and Rehabilitation

PETA India has won relief for some, like **Sunder**, who was transferred to a sanctuary after spending seven years restrained by all four legs at the Jyotiba Temple in Maharashtra, and **Mariappan**, who was chained by all four legs for nine years inside a dark shed in the Samayapuram Mariamman Temple in Tamil Nadu. After PETA India and a local activist intervened, Mariappan was moved to a protected reserve, where he was reunited with his mother after 17 years. **Ramprasad** spent 23 years at the Pali village temple in Satara in solitary confinement, chained by all four legs on concrete flooring. He had an abscessed wound that Animal Rahat's veterinarians treated, and they worked for years to improve his care and win his release. Finally, the temple agreed to transfer him to a sanctuary.

Across India, elephants are kept tightly shackled for years – and often decades – inside temples.

Inspectors with PETA India and the PETA-supported animal relief organization Animal Rahat have visited numerous temples around the country and found one horror story after another: elephants with severe untreated injuries, infected wounds, illnesses and deformities caused by abuse. Some elephants end up partially blind as a result of this cruelty.

At the Sri Manakula Vinayagar Temple in Puducherry, an elephant named **Lakshmi** is kept constantly chained on a concrete floor. She sways endlessly to try to cope with her mental anguish and severe physical pain, and she suffers from foot rot on all four feet, a disease caused by her living conditions. Despite her chronic pain, the temple trustees force her to work all day, "blessing" devotees in exchange for cash.



Lakshmi sways constantly, a sign of severe psychological distress.

A mahout (handler) constantly threatens her with a bullhook – a weapon with a sharp metal hook on one end, known in India as an ankus – to compel her to obey his commands to take the money, pass it to him and raise her trunk.

When not forced to walk in noisy parades, a chained and emaciated elephant named **Kannan** spends his days bobbing

Help Make a Difference for Elephants

Your donation will help PETA India rescue other elephants, like **Thiruveggepura Shankarnarayan**, who, after years of torture, recently ran amok in a temple in Mallapuram. For more information, please visit PETAIndia.com and AnimalRahat.com.

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP!

Geese Have Feathers Ripped Out for 'Responsible' Down

In 2012, when PETA released footage of workers ripping live geese's feathers out, a process known as "live plucking," consumers were shocked, and many vowed to stop buying products containing down. In the years that followed, companies tried to woo customers back by devising international standards claiming to ensure "responsible," "non live-plucked" down.

But as a new PETA exposé shows, these standards aren't worth the paper that they're printed on.

Birds Left Bleeding

Eighty percent of the world's down and feathers used for items such as jackets, sleeping bags and bedding comes from China. Eyewitnesses from PETA and PETA Asia recently visited farms across China to see firsthand the various ways in which these feathers are obtained.

PETA and PETA Asia's eyewitnesses observed workers who yanked out geese's feathers – leaving open, bloody wounds – while they were fully conscious. Many birds struggled and cried out in terror and pain during this ordeal, while others just froze, paralyzed with fear.

To prevent the geese from fleeing, workers stepped on their delicate wings and necks and tightly bound their feet together. They even put them in chokeholds while ripping out their feathers and swung

them by their wings. After it was over and they were plucked bare, the geese cried out and ran back to their flocks.

Many geese endure this torture multiple times before finally being slaughtered.

And there was more: Farms left sick and injured chicks, geese and ducks to die in agony. Dead birds were found decaying in crates and ponds or tossed outside like trash.

A single goose produces just 60 grams of micro-feathers and down per plucking. One farm admitted to producing more than 16 tons (15 tonnes) of live-plucked down every year – that's 250,000 live pluckings.

Buyer Beware

PETA and PETA Asia dug deeper and found that the farms and other operations that are live-plucking birds or dealing in live-plucked feathers are linked to "Non Live-Plucked Products Guarantee" or "Responsible Down Standard" (RDS) suppliers, which have agreed to "ensure humane treatment of animals." Also troubling is the fact that the RDS actually allows RDS-certified companies to buy and sell live-plucked feathers.

Companies understand that most consumers would never buy live-plucked down if it were openly labeled as such. One industry representative even admitted to misleading customers intentionally, remarking, "We advertised that it's all

plucked after slaughter – nobody dares to buy it if you say it's live-plucked." Rather than ending the cruel practice of live plucking, this company instead chooses to mislabel live-plucked down so that people will still buy it.

Products made with feathers and down from live-plucked birds are exported around the world, and PETA and PETA Asia documented live plucking on farms connected to suppliers for clothing and bedding companies such as Hollander Sleep Products, Eddie Bauer and Lands' End.

Tell Retailers to Ditch Down

Visit PETA.org/ChinaDown today to send an e-mail to Hollander Sleep Products, Eddie Bauer and Lands' End urging them to remove down from their lines and sell only cruelty-free, vegan options.

And the next time you're shopping for a jacket or bedding, please remember the birds, who need their feathers. Choose a cruelty-free option instead – and ask friends to do the same.

WHAT YOU
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Bear Cubs in China Forced to Stand or Strangle

Circuses, traveling shows and roadside displays drag wild animals all across China and force them to perform for the public. The city of Suzhou alone, located in northern Anhui province, is home to more than 300 circuses.

A PETA Asia investigator visited Suzhou and toured 10 circuses and training facilities, documenting appalling abuse, decrepit living conditions and suffering on a massive scale. All the animals were kept in squalid conditions. Most lacked food and water.

They were routinely restrained by short chains or ropes – or jammed into cages in which they could barely move. They looked sickly, frightened and depressed. Men dragged them around about by neck chains, hit them with sticks and taunted and kicked them. Absolutely no understanding or respect for the animals was observed.

Barbaric Bear Shows

Bears as young as 6 months old are taken from their mothers to be trained for the circus. The first step in training is to hook the cubs to a short length of chain hanging from a wall, forcing them up onto their hind legs. They must hold themselves up or risk choking or hanging themselves.

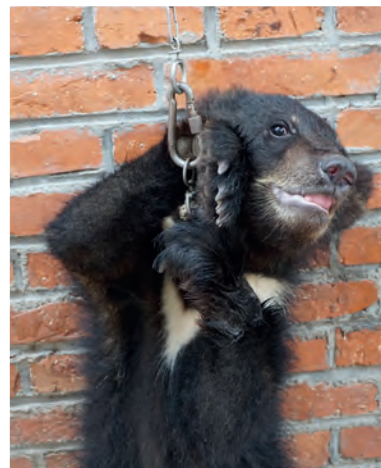
The cubs cry, scream, grunt, moan and struggle. Trainers yank on the ropes around their necks, drag them and grab them by their fur, shaking them.

The investigator saw a trainer repeatedly kick a young bear while holding food just out of reach and force her to balance on a seesaw. She screamed the entire time and struggled as the trainer yanked on the chain around her neck.

Terrified and lonely, most bears rock themselves continuously or turn in circles.

Miserable, Manacled Monkeys

When not being forced to perform, monkeys are kept alone in transport trailers and filthy, rusty old cages with no solid flooring.



They're forced to sit and balance on iron bars – and barely have room to move. They have collars around their necks attached to a chain that

is affixed to the cage bars, giving them no option but to eat, drink, sleep, defecate and urinate all in one place.

Tormented Tigers and Lions

Tigers are housed in tiny barren cages. Most can take only two or three steps in any direction, and they pace incessantly. Only one of the facilities that investigators toured had an indoor area where the big cats could escape from the sweltering heat.

Under threat of punishment, tigers are made to balance on balls, roll on the ground, climb over each other and stand on their hind legs. Trainers hit, jab and threaten them with heavy metal poles. One trainer repeatedly jammed a pole in a tiger's face.

Circuses remove cubs from their mothers – sometimes when they are just days old – so that they can be trained. One circus owner kept 2-week-old cubs in a plastic box, with dogs used as surrogate mothers to nurse them.



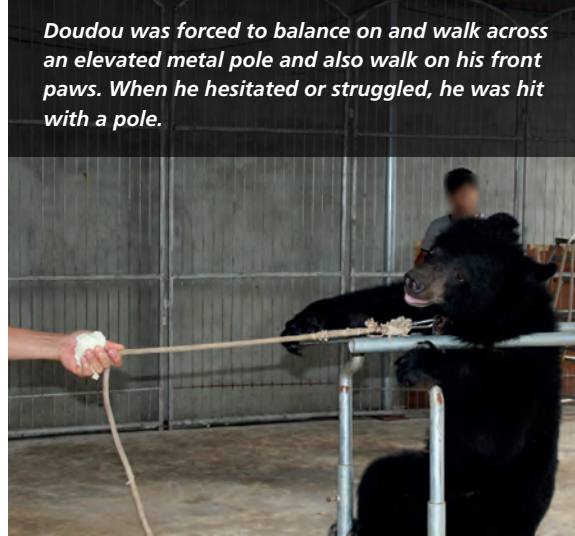
Lulu was chained to a goat and forced to do handstands while the goat climbed a ladder and stood on a vase balanced on a high beam. As Lulu struggled to keep his balance, a handler repeatedly jabbed him with a metal pole. After the performance, he was dragged by the chain attached to his neck and flung into a cage.

Lions are housed in small, dirty, barren cages. Investigators saw a cub sitting in the scorching sun with no shelter and witnessed a trainer prodding a lion over and over again with a stick.

No Chance to Run, Swim or Fly

Dogs are housed in extremely small cages. All the dogs were dirty and looked depressed and uncomfortable. The investigator witnessed a trainer kick one dog and strike another.

Llamas, pigs, goats and peacocks are also used, and the popularity of seals – aquatic animals who are deprived of the vast expanses of water that they need – is increasing.



Doudou was forced to balance on and walk across an elevated metal pole and also walk on his front paws. When he hesitated or struggled, he was hit with a pole.



WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP!

Never Buy a Ticket to Any Animal Act

Please show people this feature and ask them to support only animal-free circuses at home and abroad.



Growing up in the countryside of northern England, PETA Augustus Club member **Elaine Livesey-Fassel** developed a great respect

for all animals. This ethic eventually led her to become a pioneer in the animal rights movement in the U.S. Along with her friend Gretchen Wyler, Elaine cofounded The Ark Trust, the organization that started the annual Genesis Awards.

In 1984, Elaine met PETA President Ingrid Newkirk and felt an immediate kinship with her "fellow Brit." She says that she "found PETA to be a courageous and forthright, unblinking and adventuresome organization" – and quickly became a member.

Elaine recalls that in the 1980s, animal issues received very little respect from legislators. Now, countless local and state laws have been passed banning everything from animal circuses to veal crates. She credits PETA's use of the media with making it nearly impossible for anyone to remain ignorant of the cruelty that animals endure at the hands of humans.

Elaine has chosen to leave a legacy for animals by including PETA in her will. She wants to make sure that her work – and PETA's – will carry on into the future.

To learn more about leaving a legacy for animals, please visit PETA.org/MyLegacy or contact us at Legacy@peta.org.



This rescued puppy gobbled up PETA's new book, *Love for Animals, Large and Small*, and you can, too. Order a copy at PETACatalog.com or call toll-free at 1-877-926-4926.



Coco was forced to walk on metal stilts while her trainer yelled at her and yanked the chain around her neck. She eventually fell to the ground.

CAMPAIGN NEWS



Robotic Bear Works to Free Captive Bears

Manchester by the Sea star **Casey Affleck** provided the voice for PETA's new lifesize robotic bear, Bernard, who is on a nationwide tour targeting spots where bears are held captive. "Bears belong with their families in nature, not on display in sad, filthy concrete pits," says Affleck. More than 1,000 bears are held in miserable conditions in nearly 300 roadside zoos, bear pits and other outfits across the US. Since 2012, PETA has rescued more than 40 captive bears and transferred them to accredited sanctuaries.

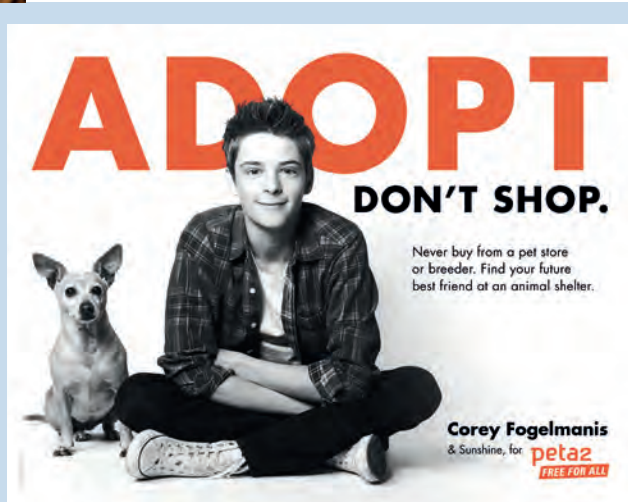
'Tigers' Protest UniverSoul Circus

PETA "tigers" descended on the opening night of UniverSoul Circus in Los Angeles to protest the circus, which leases the tiger act used in its shows from notorious big-cat exhibitor Mitchel Kalmanson. He has been cited repeatedly for failure to provide veterinary care and for excessive confinement, including one citation last year for holding tigers in foul-smelling, maggot-infested cages without exercise.



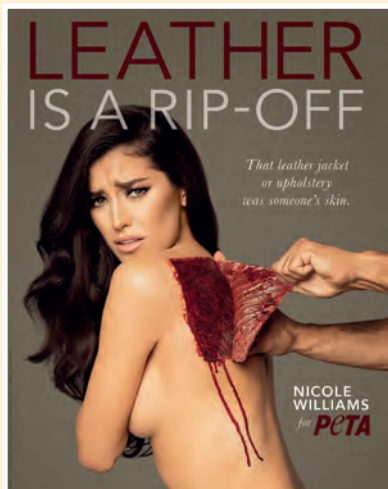
'Girl Meets World' Star Makes a 'World' of Difference for Shelter Animals

Actor **Corey Fogelmanis** took a break from filming his popular TV show *Girl Meets World* to star in an ad campaign promoting animal adoption from shelters for **peta2**, PETA's youth division. The ad shows Corey with his adorable rescued pup Sunshine, and the campaign includes a shareable video PSA in which Corey talks about making Sunshine a part of his family. Check it out at peta2.com.



Billboard Reveals Frightening Alien World of Animal Tests

In advance of World UFO Day and the 2016 UFO Festival in Roswell, New Mexico, PETA placed a billboard urging festivalgoers to spare animals the pain and terror of being poisoned and blinded for cosmetics.



Nicole Williams Promotes Skins-Free Fashion

WAGS star **Nicole Williams** proves that she's as kind as she is beautiful in a new PETA ad exposing the cruelty behind leather products. In an exclusive interview with PETA, which you can watch at PETA.org, Williams says that she stopped wearing leather once she learned of the horrific animal abuse involved in its production. "Now I feel like I have a voice, and I can reach out to the people who know this but ignore it."

Justin Long Urges Everyone to Bring Dogs Inside

Actor **Justin Long** joined forces with PETA to voice the true story of a lonely dog named Charlie, who was forced to live alone in a small, muddy backyard. Charlie's suffering caught the attention of his neighbors, whose outdoor camera documented his neglect. Like Charlie, many dogs across the US are kept "out of sight, out of mind." They are denied proper shelter and deprived of adequate food, water and veterinary care in addition to having their emotional and social needs ignored.



Nanci Alexander, a PETA patron and owner of gourmet vegan restaurant Sublime, presented **Keegan Kuhn**, director of the animal rights documentary *Cowspiracy*, with one of PETA's top honors – the **2016 Nanci Alexander Activist Award** – for exposing the devastating effects of animal agriculture on animals and the environment in his groundbreaking film. As Nanci pointed out, *Cowspiracy* offers environmentalists serious food for thought: According to the World Bank, animal agriculture is responsible for 51% of greenhouse gases and 91% of Amazon forest destruction and consumes 13% of the Earth's fresh water.

VICTORIES for Animals!

PETA AFFILIATES AROUND THE WORLD WIN FOR ANIMALS EVERY DAY.

Bowmanville Zoo to Close Its Doors

The Bowmanville Zoological Park announced that it will be closing its doors in the aftermath of a PETA investigation that showed Bowmanville Zoo owner Michael Hackenberger mercilessly whipping a tiger and boasting about the pleasure he derives from intimidating and dominating animals.

Retailers Ditch Down, Angora, Ostrich Skin

After hearing from PETA, retail giant Nasty Gal banned angora wool, and Hong Kong-based Global Brands Group banned ostrich products from its controlled brands – including Frye, Juicy Couture, Spyder, Aquatalia, David Beckham, Jennifer Lopez, Jones New York, Rachel Zoe, Buffalo, Joe's, Rosetti, Tignanello and Kathy Van Zeeland. And after hearing from PETA UK, Hobbs, Primark, Oasis, Warehouse, Dr Martens, ASOS (own brand), White Stuff and London-based fashion house Whistles banned down products.

Rush University Saves Pigs

Obstetrics and gynecology (OB/GYN) doctors-in-training at Rush University Medical Center no longer have to practice surgical procedures on pigs, thanks to a collaboration between the hospital and PETA that will allow medical residents to train on a state-of-the-art virtual reality surgical system. PETA's \$6,000 donation for a simulation module will allow the hospital to completely and permanently end its use of animals for OB/GYN residency training.

Fur-Marketing Company's "Ethical" Claims Ruled Misleading

In response to a complaint filed by PETA Netherlands, Furlab – an initiative set up to sell fur and promote its use – was found to be in breach of the Dutch Advertising Code by misleading

consumers with the claim that its products are "100% ethically sourced," and it was ordered to remove the claims from its website.

Travel Agencies Ban Elephant Encounters

After learning from PETA that elephants who are used for rides at camps in Asia and Africa are often forcibly separated from their mothers, immobilized in wooden boxes and gouged with nails or other sharp objects, Philadelphia-based Friendly Planet Travel, Wilmington-based Kensington Tours and Wilton-based Tauck travel agencies removed exploitative elephant attractions from their tour itineraries.

Idaho Ordered to Pay PETA Court Costs

A Boise, Idaho, district court judge granted a motion filed by PETA and a coalition of US nonprofits to award the groups nearly \$250,000 in attorneys' fees from the state of Idaho. The order came after the groups' lawsuit succeeded in striking down Idaho's controversial "ag-gag" law, which the court agreed violated the First and 14th Amendments of the US Constitution by criminalizing whistle-blowing investigations of agricultural facilities, including dairy farms.

Rabbits Saved From Vaccine Production

After an appeal from the Environment and Animal Society of Taiwan (EAST), with scientific support from PETA, the Taiwanese government agreed to end the use of rabbits in classical swine fever vaccine production by as early as the end of this year. This victory will prevent tens of thousands of rabbits from being used and crudely killed with carbon dioxide during the production of these vaccines in Taiwan every year.



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