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USDA Food Safety Inspection Service

Docket 03-0251F

Room 102, Cotton Annex

300 12th and C Street S.W.

Washington DC 20250-3700

Dear Safety Inspection Service,

Please include all farm animals in the ban on "downers." All animals suffer when dragged in chains or left to die of thirst and all downers are a threat to human health regardless of species.

Please also explicitly require the humane euthanasia of all nonambulatory animals immediately upon their discovery at stockyards, slaughter houses and other facilities

Sincerely,

Ruth Wiley