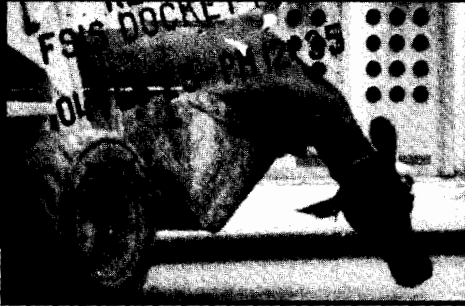


(1050) Please STOP - this DANGEROUS Cruelty!



BAN Downed Animal Cruelty in the U.S.

Following the first case of mad cow disease in the U.S., discovered in a "downer" cow on December 23, the USDA has agreed to ban downed cattle from the human food chain.

The recent USDA ban will end the enormous suffering of thousands of animals each year. Downed cattle, too sick to walk or stand, will no longer have market value, and farmers now have an incentive to prevent the downer problem.

Now, Farm Sanctuary is positioned like never before to help even more suffering farm animals...and that's why we need your help more than ever.

There are still billions of farm animals suffering each day and there is still so much work to do. Our *No Downers Campaign* must continue with full force to protect ALL downed animals, not just cattle.

**YOU CAN
HELP**

Please contact the USDA and thank the agency for its emergency measures to ban the slaughter of downed cattle for human consumption. Ask the agency to make the ban permanent, and to include all downed animals — sheep, pigs and other livestock, as well as cattle — in the final ban. Finally, ask that the USDA add a requirement that all downed animals be humanely euthanized immediately, wherever they become downed.

WRITE TO:

FSIS Docket Clerk
Docket 03-025IF
Room 102, Cotton Annex
300 12th and C Street SW.
Washington, DC 20250-3700
E-Mail: FSIS.Regulations@usda.gov
Include Docket number in your letter.

Since 1986, Farm Sanctuary investigators have been documenting conditions of our nation's stockyards — and bringing images of downed animal cruelties to policymakers, legislators and the media. We have...

...witnessed day-old calves, too weak to walk, being dragged through marketing auctions by their ears or tails to sell for as little as one dollar.

...found downed sheep, thrown alive onto stockyard "deadpiles" while still alive, after they collapsed from brutal animal transport conditions.

...heard pigs crying out in agony from injuries — animals who never received veterinary care, and were just left to die in pain and fear.

A downed pig is left to suffer because she still has market value and can be sold for slaughter.

