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Re: Prohibit the Slaughter of Downed Animals
Petition 98P-0151/CP1

To Whom It May Concern:

As a member of the ASPCA, I am writing to urge you to grant the above petition which would prevent the slaughter of downed animals.

It is impossible to move downed cattle humanely; instead, they are typically pushed with tractors or dragged with chains, causing injuries ranging from bruises and abrasions to broken bones and ligaments. And recent evidence shows that some downed animals may be afflicted with a form of bovine spongiform encephalopathy (mad cow disease), a condition that is linked to a fatal illness in humans.

Please help stop this sad and dangerous practice and grant petition 98P-0151/CP1.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,



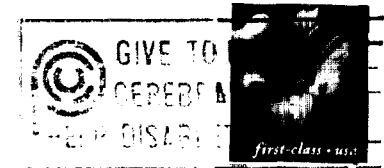
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