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Chief Humane Society Police Officer

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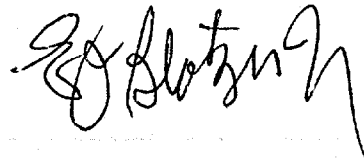
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Respectfully request
that the FDA Prohibit the slaughter of
downed animals ... PETITIONS DOCKET 98-P/0151CPI

Last year, Farm Sanctuary launched its "No Downers" campaign, a project geared towards ending the marketing of sick and injured animals in the livestock industry. Adding fuel to Farm Sanctuary's fire, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced a landmark policy to stop purchasing meat from downed cows for federal programs, including the National School Lunch Program. Officials stated that "USDA will no longer accept ground beef that includes product from non-ambulatory cattle, commonly known as 'downers.'" Unveiling a growing consensus among the livestock industry and government officials, this decision sets a major precedent—that the marketing and slaughter of downed animals is unacceptable. As part of its "No Downers" campaign, Farm Sanctuary petitioned the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) urging the agency to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals. The petition is currently being reviewed



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THE PITTSBURGH FOUNDATION
Attention: ~~CHERI KAY~~
VP for Program/Relays

June 2000

I am happy to complete the nomination form, enclosed, for a person who is a living legend in this community for the past 40 years as a full-time volunteer, while holding down a job in private industry.

You had asked information on EDWARD J. BLOTZER, JR. and the enclosures will do more to 'explain' the activities of this dedicated 'grandfather of the animal welfare movement' in our area.

The enclosures give full details on the Nominee, more than would fit on two pages. His service as a volunteer dates back to the mid-30s when he was a Boy Scout Leader, growing up in the Depression, and afterwards going to WW-II U.S. Navy / serving in both the Atlantic and then Pacific areas of operation.

After the war he came home, got married to his local sweetheart, KAY BLOTZER, WHO DIED (4) years ago of cancer, and he took care of her, at home, until she left him.

At the same time he worked for U. S. Railroad, U. S. STEEL, as an Engineer. Memorized the booklet for examination, page for page, paragraph by paragraph, and had 100% score on the test; highest ever for this company. In addition, no serious train wrecks, or personal injuries.

Has one son, Edward III, who is a High School Assistant Principal in Wilkinsburg, 53 years of age.

While he served as a political leader in his hometown of Swissvale, he was only in his mid-20s. While so, he published and edited a town newspaper (about 3,000 +) Circulation. Having been discouraged after years in the political arena, he had an invitation to join the Board of Director of ANIMAL FRIENDS, where he served 37 years.

Always an animal lover; who carried his Rat Terrier dog on his paper route when delivering for the Pittsburgh Sun Telegraph, and has had about 6 family pets .. where they come to his home and die there after many years of tender loving care.

With a large piece of property at his home in Forest Hills Borough, the entire back of the same has a pet cemetery for his dogs, and those of others, with markers above each grave.

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BLOTZER was a very strong voice in Harrisburg to ban the sale, transfer, etc, of living animals at carnivals or fairs; obviously 'open' ... among other laws protecting animals from abuse/illtreatment other laws protecting animals from abuse/illtreatment.

BLOTZER is a Hi-School Graduate Self-taught. Member, MENSA

Back when BLOTZER started his activity for animals, that are defenseless, there wasn't much going for them in way of state or federal laws, or the enforcement of them. He is the first person - about 30 years ago - who cited a person for criminal activity involving the abuse to animals. Since that time, on his own time, he has had approximately 3,000 cases that went through the courts. He never was paid a salary or wages for any of his work. ONLY his expenses, which are minimal were paid.

He believes in education for people to care for, and protect animals. He has distributed about (over) 100,000 leaflets on laws protecting animals, and how to care for animals that are generally classified as pet animals. He has written some of the pamphlets, and also edits and publishes the Newsletter that is circulated to SPCA Members on a monthly basis.

Of the 3,000 cases mentioned above, he has investigated approximately 40,000 complaints of alleged animal abuse. He is well known in the District and County Courts, and respected for his knowledge of the LAW. IN FACT he is an Instructor in the laws protecting animals for the police training classes (Indiana University of Pennsylvania) .. in an attempt to make sure that local/State Police KNOW that animal abuse is a crime and it should be prosecuted if warranted.

To mention only a couple of achievements made by this organization under the leadership of BLOTZER, were the abolition of the Easter Pests (ducks/chicks that were dyed in various colors. This was his first legal victory, causing the General Assembly to outlaw this cruelty to chicks, and to young bunnies (also included.)

He lobbys against any cruelty in both Washington and Harrisburg, and now has a law that prohibits the cruel death of animals (such as the high-altitude chamber. Now pet animals go to 'sleep' without pain or suffering (injections).

He organized an effort of which he was the leader of the same to prohibit dog racing in Pennsylvania. Racing dogs are PTS when unable to make \$\$\$ for their owners, and tons of thousands of greyhound puppies are killed because they were not 'quality' animals for the track.

About eight years ago there was no holding period for dogs if picked up by the animal control officer; they could be destroyed immediately upon pickup. NOW, because of the Blotzer-48-Hour law, unlicensed dogs must be held for 48 hours before they can be put up for adoption, or ... Licensed dogs always did have protection from immediate deaths.

Presently, he works in the office on overpopulation; provides a service to low-income families who need assistance to have their dogs and cats neutered or spayed. Also there is the TLC (Tender Loving Care Fund) that assist those who have very limited income; but their dogs/cats need medical attention.

By two pages are up, so I will sign off on this letter. Incidentally Blotzer will not accept \$1,000 as an individual. He never accepted any compensation for his work; STRICT rule by him. Any money can be donated to the SPCA or other charitable, worthwhile cause.

Sincerely,

SUSAN ABLENE KRUC (~~Business Card attached~~).

PS: PLS Excuse typing errors.

MAKING includes the nation's highest award for service to animals from the AMERICAN HUMAN ASSOCIATION, The Stillman Award. Member of the Year Award from the Allegheny County Bar Association (Liberty Bell Award) 1988. Other awards from animal welfare organizations, and from the GOVERNOR OF PENNSYLVANIA (Both House and Senate) honored him as Man of Year 1979. He was an advisor to the Pa. Dept. of Agriculture (Pa. Dog Law Enforcement) under Director of the Pa. Dept. of Agriculture (for many years) and the President Human Societies Board of Harrisburg (for many years).



Force-fed to death

Barrels overflow with ducks who died from force-feeding.

Ducks' necks are sometimes punctured by the feeding pipe.



At a farm PETA investigated in New York's Hudson Valley, so many ducks died when their stomachs burst from overfeeding, that workers who killed fewer than 50 per

"This type of treatment and farming of waterfowl is outside the acceptable norms of agriculture and sane treatment of animals."

Ward Stone,
associate wildlife
pathologist,
New York State
Department of
Environmental
Conservation

month were given a bonus. In addition to ruptured stomachs and liver disease, many ducks develop foot infections, kidney necrosis, spleen and kidney damage, bruised and broken bills, and tumor-like lumps in their throats. One duck had a maggot-infested neck wound so severe that water spilled out of it when he drank.

Only male ducks are used for foie gras because they produce larger livers. Female hatchlings are drowned, beaten, or crushed to death.

Foie gras farms are so cruel that they have been banned in the U.K., Switzerland, and Poland. Many restaurants refuse to serve foie gras, including the San Francisco Hilton, Chicago's Pump Room, and San Antonio's La Louisiane. United Airlines, Delta, Holland's KLM, and Scandinavia's SAS have removed foie gras from their in-flight menus.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Never buy pâté de foie gras. Urge restaurant owners, gourmet food shops, and caterers to halt sales and sell vegetarian pâté (such as Bonavita) instead.



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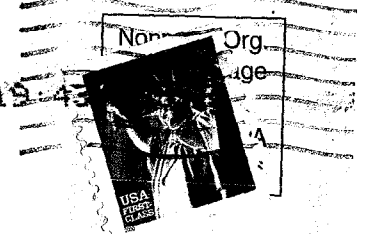
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"... for those who can not speak for themselves, but depend on honorable men and women for kindness, mercy and justice..."

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*"If you have men who will exclude any of God's creatures from the shelter of compassion and pity, you will have men who will deal likewise with their fellow men."
...St. Francis of Assisi*

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