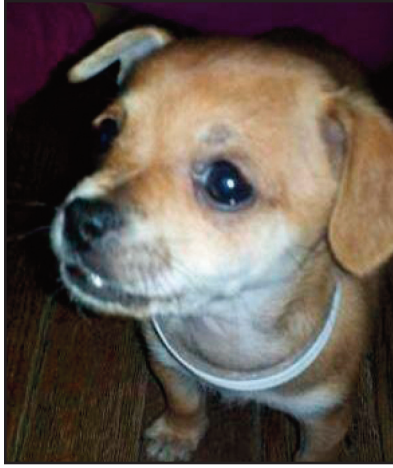




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ABOVE: Maya, a “healthy and happy” dog killed by PETA in 2014. At first, PETA denied they took her, but after surveillance video proved otherwise, PETA admitted both taking and killing her.



ABOVE: This photo, taken by a PETA employee, shows pit bull dogs killed by PETA. In addition to killing them, PETA founder Ingrid Newkirk supports their destruction by others and has joined forces with a group working to have pit bulls banned throughout the country, a move which leads to the dogs being killed.

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EVERETT A. MARTIN JR.
JUDGE

FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF VIRGINIA
CIRCUIT COURT OF THE CITY OF NORFOLK

150 ST. PAUL'S BOULEVARD
NORFOLK, VIRGINIA 23510

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RE: Wilbur Zarate Llaven, et al. v. People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals
Civil Docket No. CL15-11874

Dear Gentlemen:

The plaintiffs allege that on October 18, 2014, Victoria Carey and Jennifer Wood, "agents and representatives" of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals ("PETA"), entered onto their property, seized their dog, carried her away, and killed her. The complaint sets out three rights of action: conversion, trespass, and intentional infliction of emotional distress. PETA has filed a demurrer with numerous grounds to each.

PETA was sued for the theft and killing of Maya. An affidavit by a former PETA field worker confirmed that CAP's purpose was to acquire animals by any means necessary in order to kill them (below). After arguing and losing pre-trial motions that Maya was worthless, and that her family's immigration status precluded compensation, and facing the specter of PETA administrators being forced to turn over records and testify under oath about CAP's inner workings, PETA settled the case by paying Maya's family \$49,000.

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AFFIDAVIT

Now comes Heather Harper-Troje (AKA Heather Turner) and, after being duly sworn, avers to the following to the best of her knowledge, information and belief:

1. From August 1999 until March 2000 I was employed full time by People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, Inc. ("PETA").
2. I was employed in PETA's program known as the Community Animal Project.
3. I was employed at PETA's facility in Norfolk, Virginia.
4. While employed at PETA, my primary responsibilities included gaining possession of as many cats and dogs as possible, almost all of which were euthanized.
5. The main purpose of the Community Animal Project was to persuade people to surrender their animals, so that PETA could then euthanize the animals.
6. A woman named Erica was my first immediate supervisor, but Ingrid Newkirk was in charge of the Community Animal Project and Ingrid became my supervisor (though a woman named Meagan, formerly my assistant, eventually became supervisor in title Ingrid was always in charge of Community Animal Project).
7. In September or October 1999, while employed by PETA, I trained for a period of weeks at the Washington Humane Society on how to handle animals and how to euthanize dogs and cats.
8. While I was at PETA, a type of indoctrination took place. We were constantly told that there were too many dogs and cats without enough good homes and that the best thing to do was to kill them "humanely."

EXHIBIT 2

Statements from the affidavit of a former PETA employee:

"While employed at PETA, my primary responsibilities included gaining possession of as many cats and dogs as possible, almost all of which were euthanized."

"The main purpose of the Community Animal Project was to persuade people to surrender their animals, so that PETA could euthanize the animals."

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ABOVE: A supermarket dumpster full of garbage bags. When police officers looked inside, they found dozens of animals PETA employees later admitted to killing, including those in the photographs found on the next few pages. At trial, the PETA employees described these animals as “adorable” and “perfect.” A veterinarian who gave PETA some of the animals found dead testified that they were “healthy” and “adoptable.” PETA promised him they would find homes.



ABOVE: One of PETA’s CAP vans. The vans have been used to round up and kill animals like Maya, community cats, and the animals found in the Piggly Wiggly supermarket dumpster.

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ABOVE: A puppy killed by PETA being handled by a police officer in a hazmat suit. Another dead puppy, also killed by PETA, is behind him. PETA promised to find the puppies a home, but immediately put them to death in the back of a van, a donor funded slaughterhouse on wheels.

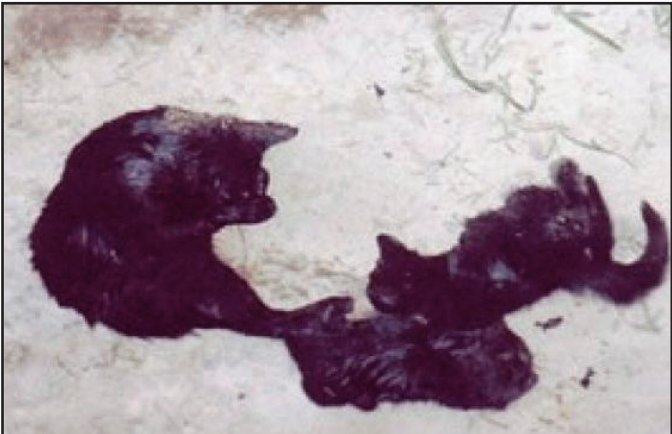


ABOVE: More puppies killed by PETA in North Carolina.

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ABOVE: A puppy killed by PETA in North Carolina.



ABOVE: A mother cat and her two kittens killed by PETA in North Carolina.

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Dogs killed by PETA in North Carolina.



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Dogs killed by PETA in North Carolina.



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ABOVE: A dog killed by PETA in North Carolina.



ABOVE: The PETA field killing kit, filled with syringes and lethal vials of barbiturates to poison animals, found by police in the back of a PETA van in Ahoskie, North Carolina.

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Donors are encouraged to visit PETA, but one room is strictly off limits: the shed where animals are killed. As they walk past the shed, they are all unaware that the freezer within it is filled with the bodies of dead animals they helped pay to kill: puppies, kittens, hamsters, bunnies, gerbils, and others; at one point, even Maya.

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ABOVE: Although PETA claims all the dogs it kills are irremediably suffering, employees have admitted it is a lie. They have described eight-week old, 10-week old, and 12-week old healthy kittens and puppies routinely and immediately put to death with no effort to find them homes.




ABOVE: The PETA headquarters on the aptly named Front Street. While claiming to be an animal rights organization, PETA does not believe animals have a right to live. Instead, its leadership believes that people have a right to kill them, as long as the killing is done by poisoning them with an overdose of barbiturates, even if the animals are healthy.

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The kill room at PETA (middle white shed). According to PETA employees, the room is euphemistically called the “exam room.” No exam is done for purposes of placement or, if they are sick, for purposes of treatment. “They would take the animals into that room and they would be euthanized. A litter of kittens, sometimes a mother with kittens, they were put in that room and once you went in that room, you never came out.”

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 VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES		Animal and Food Industry Services Office of Veterinary Services SUMMARY OF FINDINGS PAGE 1 of 3	
DATE	Investigation	X	Site Visit
07/07/10	Inquest		Telephone Call
NAME OF SUBJECT		People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (herein PETA)	
CONTACT INFO (Address, Phone #, Fax #, Email)		PETA attn: Ms. Daphna Nachminovitch 501 Front Street Norfolk, VA 23510 (757) 622-7382	
DATE	FINDINGS		
07/07/10	<p>A site visit was performed to the PETA headquarters building on July 7, 2010 to determine if the organization's current activities allowed for the continued inspection of the facility as an animal shelter; if the primary purpose of the facility was to facilitate finding permanent adoptive homes for companion animals. The following items were noted during the course of this visit:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The receptionist stated that PETA did not operate an animal shelter. When I indicated that PETA did report to operate an animal shelter and that this office has inspected in it in the past, an additional staff member was called to the desk and reiterated that there was no shelter. At this point I asked for Ms. Nachminovitch. Ms. Nachminovitch was called and indicated that she would be at the facility shortly. No other staff was available to begin the inspection. 2. The facility contains three rooms designated as animal enclosures. The rooms are not further subdivided into runs or cages. The three animals occupying the rooms were not being held for adoption purposes (one was being held in conjunction with the clinic operations, one was being boarded for an indigent community member, and one on behalf of a PETA employee). The facility does not contain sufficient animal enclosures to routinely house the number of animals annually reported as taken into custody. 3. 290 2010 animal custody records were reviewed. 17 or 6% were recorded as adopted or in foster homes, 273 or 94% were recorded as euthanized. Of these, 245 or 90% were euthanized within the first 24 hours of custody. 		
DATE	PREPARED BY	Dan Kovich, DVM, MPH	
	SIGNATURE		

The Virginia State Veterinarian inspected PETA facilities on more than one occasion and found that contrary to its public claims, PETA did not operate an animal shelter. Instead it operated a facility to kill animals. Roughly 90% of animals it acquired were killed and of those, 90% were killed either immediately or within 24 hours, without ever trying to find them homes. Statements from this inspection include:

"The receptionist stated that PETA did not operate an animal shelter."

"The facility does not contain sufficient animal enclosures to routinely house the number of animals annually reported as taken into custody."

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User: LBRITTLE		SUFFOLK POLICE DEPARTMENT		03/29/2017 12:58:58
Animal Services				
INTAKE INFORMATION				
Acquire Date / Time 07/09/2016 13:35		How Acquired STRAY		Classification STRA
Location 124 FOREST GLEN DR, SUFFOLK		Intake Officer GALLAGHER, L. M.		Shelter ID 17122
Shelter Status INACTIVE		Animal Status EUTHANIZED		Status Date 07/15/2016
ANIMAL INFORMATION				
Name		Species CAT		Breed / Type DOMESTIC SHORTHAIR
Gender FEMALE		DOB		Age 3 MONTHS
Weight 3		Height MEDIUM		Color BROWN TABBY
Eyes GREEN		Ears UP		Coat SHORT
Health GOOD		Tail LONG		Temperament FERAL
		Scanned for Chip NO		Chip ID
		Bites		Good with Kids
		House Broken		
OWNER INFORMATION				
Name			Owner Tag	
Address			Telephone #	
FACILITY LOCATION				
Not Found: 0				
MARKINGS				
COLLAR, NONE				
OTHR, NO TATTOO				
TAG, NONE				
REMARKS				
ava 07/13/2016				
feral				
stray from N. 8th st				
MEDICAL SERVICES				
No Medical Service Records				

In addition to killing roughly nine out of 10 animals at their own headquarters, PETA takes animals to several pounds to be killed. The intake forms on this and the next page are typical of those acquired through a Public Records Act request. The form above records that PETA surrendered a healthy, three-month old kitten to the Suffolk Police Department who was killed.

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ANIMAL CUSTODY RECORD (21) (41) *Feral*

This form satisfies all requirements under Virginia State Code §3.2-6557

Peninsula Regional Animal Shelter • 5843 Jefferson Avenue, Newport News, VA 23605 • (757) 933-8900

Custody Date: 9-2-16 Time: 4:05 any/pm PRAS #: A33380361
 Record Date: 9-2-16 Time: 4:05 any/pm Agency #: _____
 Jurisdiction: ☒ DNN ☒ Hampton ☐ York ☐ Poquoson ☐ Other: _____ Staff/Officer: ST
 Location of Custody: PRAS Finder Name: _____
 Location Animal was found: 3715 ERVIN ST HAMPTON 2344 Finder Phone #: Intake 913/16

Reason for Custody (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

☐ Stray (Pickup By: ☐ Citizen ☐ ACO) ☐ Owner Surrender ☐ Bite/Quarantine ☐ Seized/Hold for Court
☒ Transfer from PETA ☐ Other: _____

Impound Status (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

☐ 5 Day Stray ☐ Owner Surrender ☐ Do NOT Release ☐ USE CAUTION
☐ 10 Day Stray ☐ Seized ☐ Contact Impounding Agency PRIOR to Release
☐ Bite Quarantine ☐ Other: _____ ☐ Dangerous Dog (Court Determined)

Animal Description (complete all, or indicate unable to check):

NAME (IF KNOWN)	SPECIES	BREED	COLOR/MARKINGS	SEX	ALTERED	AGE	WEIGHT
<u>K#3</u>	<u>CAT</u>	<u>DSH</u>	<u>BLK/WHI</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>YES/(NO)/UNK</u>	<u>8wks</u>	<u>16</u>

Animal Identification (complete all, indicate "none," or unable to check):

CITY LICENSE #	RABIES TAG #	MICROCHIP #	SCANNED BY:	COLLAR (COLOR/STYLE)	TATTOO #	OTHER
<u>NO</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>ST</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>NO</u>

Animal Health:

Injured or Sick? Describe.	Vet Exam?	If Yes, which practice/DR.	Record of treatment Any medications prescribed during visit:
<u>NO</u>	<u>YES/NO</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>NO</u>

Owner Information:

Name: _____ Telephone #: _____
 Address: _____ STREET _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

Owner Release/Surrender Statement

I hereby relinquish ownership of the above animal to the Peninsula Regional Animal Shelter. I certify that: I am the rightful owner of this animal; no other person has a right of property in the animal; I understand that this animal may be immediately euthanized, adopted, or transferred to another releasing agency; and that the Peninsula Regional Animal shelter has sole custody of the animal and exclusive legal right to make all further outcome decisions for this animal as deemed appropriate by staff and will not communicate that outcome to me. I hereby advise that I no longer want this animal, and surrender all rights of ownership to the Peninsula Regional Animal Shelter.

Initial: _____ To my knowledge, this animal ☐ has or ☐ has not bitten or scratched anyone in the last 10 days.

Owner Name (Print) _____ Owner Name (Sign) _____ Date _____
 Staff Name (Print) _____ Staff Name (Sign) _____ Date _____

PENINSULA REGIONAL ANIMAL SHELTER USE ONLY - DISPOSITION

☐ Adopted ☐ Returned to Owner ☐ Transferred _____ ☐ Died in Facility ☐ Other: _____ Date: _____
 Euthanized by (Approved staff): AB CC: _____ Date: 9/12 Time: 2 any/pm

Additional Information: KATINA FERGUSON ☐ Finder interested in Adopting
W/ PETA Finder Signature _____




This form indicates that PETA delivered an eight-week old kitten to the Peninsula Regional Animal Shelter who was also killed. The majority of animals PETA surrenders to other facilities are transferred specifically to be killed, or they displace other animals who are killed.

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7/3/15	A031018	2 MOS	TRANSFER		EUTH	FERAL	P000328
7/3/15	A031019	2 MOS	TRANSFER		EUTH	FERAL	P000328
10/2/15	A032845	2 YRS 6 MOS	TRANSFER		EUTH	COND MINOR	P000328
10/2/15	A032846	3 MOS	TRANSFER		EUTH	COND MINOR	P000328
10/2/15	A032847	3 MOS	TRANSFER		EUTH	COND MINOR	P000328
10/5/15	A032885	4 MOS	TRANSFER		EUTH	FERAL	P000328
10/5/15	A032886	4 MOS	TRANSFER		EUTH	FERAL	P000328
10/5/15	A032887	2 YRS	TRANSFER		EUTH	FERAL	P000328
10/5/15	A032888	2 YRS	TRANSFER		EUTH	FERAL	P000328
10/23/15	A033017	3 MOS	TRANSFER		EUTH	FERAL	P000328
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10/23/15	A033019	8 MOS	TRANSFER		EUTH	FERAL	P000328
10/23/15	A033020	2 YRS	TRANSFER		EUTH	FERAL	P000328
7/29/15	A031486	3 MOS	TRANSFER	A031486-87	EUTH	FERAL	P000328
7/29/15	A031487	3 MOS	TRANSFER	A031486-87	EUTH	FERAL	P000328
9/28/15	A032543	0 MOS	STRAY		EUTH	UNDRAGE/WT	P000328
9/30/15	A032592	3 YRS	TRANSFER		EUTH	FERAL	P000328
9/30/15	A032593	4 MOS	TRANSFER		EUTH	FERAL	P000328
9/30/15	A032594	2 YRS	TRANSFER		EUTH	FERAL	P000328
12/17/15	A033801	6 YRS	TRANSFER	W/A033802, 801, 810,	EUTH	BEH MANAGE	P000328
12/17/15	A033802	6 YRS	TRANSFER	W/A033801, 810	EUTH	BEH MANAGE	P000328
12/18/15	A033810	9 YRS	TRANSFER	WITH W/A033802, 801,	EUTH	WUO	P000328
11/12/15	A033332	8 MOS	TRANSFER		EUTH	FERAL	P000328
11/12/15	A033333	8 MOS	TRANSFER		EUTH	FERAL	P000328
11/12/15	A033334	8 MOS	TRANSFER		EUTH	FERAL	P000328
3/16/15	A029192	1 YRS	STRAY		EUTH	BEH SEVERE	P000328
11/5/15	A033235	2 YRS	TRANSFER		EUTH	FERAL	P000328

This is a roster of cats and kittens received from PETA by a local pound. "Euth" indicates that the cat/kitten was "euthanized," a euphemism for killing.

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<p>AN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO PROTECTING THE RIGHTS OF ALL ANIMALS</p> <p>February 15, 2017</p> <p>The Honorable Louis Cappelli Jr., Director Members of the Camden County Freeholder Board</p> <p>Via e-mail: louc@camdencounty.com; mcdonnell@camdencounty.com; jnash@camdencounty.com; carmenr@camdencounty.com; jonathan.voung@camdencounty.com; susan.shinapoulos@camdencounty.com</p>	<p>PETA </p> <p>PEOPLE FOR THE ETHICAL TREATMENT OF ANIMALS</p> <p>Washington, D.C. 1536 16th St. N.W. Wash., D.C. 20036</p>
<p>AN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO PROTECTING THE RIGHTS OF ALL ANIMALS</p> <p>March 15, 2013</p> <p>The Honorable Rogers Anderson Mayor of Williamson County 1320 W. Main St. Franklin, TN, 37064</p> <p>Via e-mail: rogersa@williamson-tn.org</p>	<p>PETA </p> <p>PEOPLE FOR THE ETHICAL TREATMENT OF ANIMALS</p> <p>Washington, D.C. 1536 16th St. N.W. Washington, DC 20036 202.483.PETA</p>
<p>AN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO PROTECTING THE RIGHTS OF ALL ANIMALS</p> <p>June 8, 2016</p> <p>The Honorable Anthony Vaz, Mayor of Seaside Heights Members of the Seaside Heights Borough Council</p> <p>Via e-mail: mayor@seaside-heightsnj.org; publicaffairs@seaside-heightsnj.org; municipalclerk@seaside-heightsnj.org</p> <p>Dear Mayor Vaz and Borough Councilors,</p> <p>I hope you are well. I'm writing to let you know that PETA strongly supports the borough's decision to end its program to feed, collect, sterilize, and re-abandon homeless cats (often called trap/neuter/release [TNR]). PETA is an</p>	<p>PETA </p> <p>PEOPLE FOR THE ETHICAL TREATMENT OF ANIMALS</p> <p>Washington, D.C. 1536 16th St. N.W. Washington, DC 20036 202.483.PETA</p> <p>Los Angeles 2154 W. Sunset Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90026 323.644.PETA</p> <p>peta.org</p>

PETA routinely writes public officials encouraging them to kill animals by rejecting commonplace alternatives such as adoptions, working with rescue groups, and community cat sterilization programs.

About community cat programs, which provide an alternative to death in the pound, PETA writes: “PETA is strongly opposed to such programs.”

“PETA also recommends a ban on the adoption/release of dangerous dogs and fighting breeds (commonly known as ‘pit bulls’)”


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ABOVE: Big Red, a community cat who lived on the beach in Seaside Heights, New Jersey, had to be relocated to spare his life. In 2016, PETA officials asked the mayor to round up Big Red and other community cats and kill them. Not only does PETA itself kill roughly nine out of 10 cats it takes in every year, but it specifically targets community cats for destruction. Among those rounded up by PETA and ultimately killed were cats as young as six weeks old; others killed were six, eight, and 10 month old kittens in “good” health.

NEW JERSEY 101.5


PETA says Seaside Heights boardwalk cats would be better off dead
By Sergio Bichao June 17, 2016 4:35 PM

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SEASIDE HEIGHTS — An international animal rights organization believes the free-roaming cats that live under this borough's boardwalk would be better off with a lethal injection than having to spend all their nine lives in the cruel outdoors.

In a letter to Mayor Anthony Vaz last week, the People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals says the group supports the borough's recent decision to end its trap-neuter-release program, which allows feral cats to live outside after they've been spayed or neutered.



Quote from the article above:

“The President of Seaside Heights Animal Welfare Organization calls PETA’s position ‘despicable.’ ‘They do not live up to their initials,’ she said this week, ‘These cats have been cared for and fed and maintained in colonies for years. To think that they just be euthanized is just beyond words.’”

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After four years of No Kill-level live release rates, Shelby County, Kentucky, officials announced that the shelter would return to killing animals. As they had done so many times before, a local rescue group went to work and found homes for the animals facing death. PETA also reached out to officials, but they didn't offer to help the Shelby County shelter find homes, build temporary kennels, board animals, foster animals, adopt animals, or even just get the word out across Kentucky that animals needed help. Instead, PETA sent Shelby County government and shelter officials a gift basket of candy, with a note thanking them for their decision to start killing again after four years as a No Kill shelter." *Thank you for doing the right thing,*" wrote PETA.

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From: [REDACTED]@peta.org
To: [REDACTED]@sumtercountyfl.gov
Date: 2017-08-21 16:34
Subject: Message from Jennifer at PETA
Attachments: image001.png

Herschel Wiley, Manager
Sumter County Animal Services

Thank you for your time and attention, and especially for standing firmly for your community's animals. Should you have any questions, please contact me at [REDACTED]@peta.org.

This dog died after three days of suffering in this kennel, in this position, with no medical or supportive care at a Florida pound. In response to criticism, county officials maintain that their job is not to save lives, but to provide “*euthanasia services*” and “*culling*” of animals. PETA defended county officials and the pound, thanking them for “*standing firmly*” against citizens who are working to eliminate abuse and neglect at the pound.

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A cat in the King County, Washington shelter begs for food and water. Cats in the infirmary were not fed or given water over a three-day holiday weekend and both their food bowls and water bowls are empty (the round bowl in the back of the cage contains dirty kitty litter). Although staff was assigned to the shelter, supervisors and staff chose to socialize instead. PETA wrote a letter to the King County Council telling officials not to listen to reformers and calling them “radical” for suggesting that all staff be given a checklist of assigned duties, supervisors should double check that those duties have been done, and the county should hire supervisors who are not part of the same union so as to eliminate conflicts of interest.

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Not only does PETA kill animals, they also defend the killing of animals by others. This is a dying kitten in a Houston shelter after staff “lost” the kitten. When he was found, he was near death. His last hours were ones of suffering. Houston officials historically put job applicants with a history of violence, a history of criminal behavior, and those who scored the lowest on city aptitude tests in animal control. PETA defended this shelter, urging government officials not to listen to reformers.

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A puppy dying of parvovirus in the Houston shelter is not given anything soft to lie on as she urinates all over herself. Here she sits, unable to keep her head up, alone in a cold, barren stainless steel cage without receiving necessary veterinary care. Other shelters have a better than 90% rate of saving dogs with parvovirus. In a letter to the editor of the Houston newspaper, PETA publicly defended this shelter, again urging Houstonians to reject reform.

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The PETA solution: dead “feral” cats in a Florida shelter. PETA successfully defeated SB 1320, legislation in Florida to encourage community cat sterilization in lieu of killing. According to PETA, feral cats should be killed: “You can ask your veterinarian to do this or, if your local shelter uses an injection of sodium pentobarbital, take the cats there.” This Florida shelter used “an injection of sodium pentobarbital,” killing the cats in front of other cats, catch-poling them as they tried to flee, while they urinated and defecated all over the kennel. That is how terrified feral cats behave in shelters. Apparently to PETA, this is as it should be.

INGRID NEWKIRK

Deadly, abused, doomed

MOST PEOPLE have no idea that at many animal shelters across the country, any "pit bull" who comes through the front door goes out the back door—in a body bag.

From San Jose to Schenectady, many shelters have enacted policies requiring the automatic destruction of the huge and ever-growing number of "pits" they encounter. This news shocks and outrages the compassionate dog-lover.

Here's another shocker: People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, the very people who are trying to get you to denounce the killing of chickens for the table, foxes for fur, or frogs for dissection, supports the pit bull policy, albeit with reluctance.

The pit bull's ancestor, the Staffordshire terrier, is a human concoction, bred in my native England, I'm ashamed to say, as a weapon.

These dogs were designed specifically to fight other animals and kill them, for human sport. Hence the barrel chest, the thick hammer-like head, the strong jaws, the perseverance and the stamina.

Pits can take down a bull weighing in at over a thousand pounds, so a human being a tenth of that weight is small potatoes to them.

Pit bulls are perhaps the most abused dogs on the planet. These days, they are kept for protection by almost every drug dealer and pimp in every major city and beyond.

You can drive into any depressed area and see them being used as cheap burglar alarms, wearing heavy logging chains around their necks (they easily break regular collars and harnesses), attached to a stake or metal drum or rundown doghouse without a floor and with holes in the roof.

Bored juveniles sic them on cats, neighbors' small dogs and even children. In the PETA office we have a file drawer chock-full of accounts of attacks in which these ill-treated dogs have torn the faces and fingers off infants and even police officers trying to serve warrants.

Today, organizing dog fights is a federal offense in this country, yet pits are still king of the ring. Humane officers and other law enforcement agents routinely break up rings in New Mexico, Massachusetts, Michigan and Florida.

They confiscate dog-fighting paraphernalia, including treadmills used to build doggie endurance and drugs used

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EXAMINER / KATY RADOLTZ

to numb pain from injuries inflicted by opponents and to "jazz up" the dogs. They find mesh bags in which kittens, rabbits, puppies and other small prey are suspended over the dogs to encourage fighting spirit.

Not uncommonly, they find what's left of dogs who have lost their battles.

They are not always dead.

Those who argue against the euthanasia policy for pit bull dogs are naive. One dog I know who was adopted out to a new family suddenly clamped his jaw onto the thigh of a 7-year-old boy. Two grown men had a hard time getting the dog off and the child suffered permanent nerve damage.

Tales like this abound. I have scars on my leg and arm from my own encounter with a pit.

Many are loving and will kiss on sight, but many are unpredictable. An unpredictable chihuahua is one thing, an unpredictable pit another.

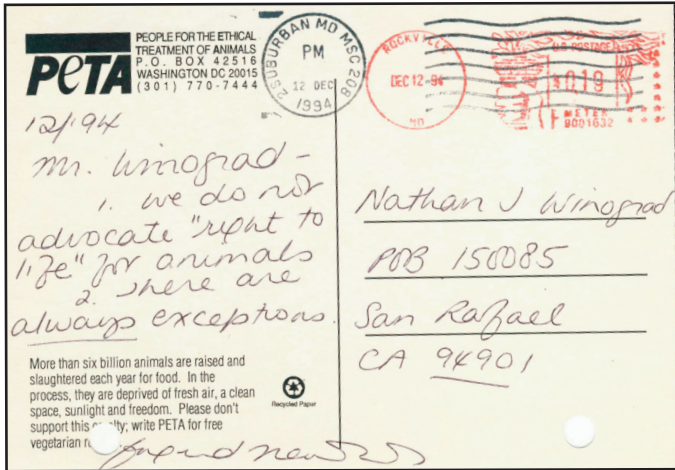
People who genuinely care about dogs won't be affected by a ban on pits.

They can go to the shelter and save one of the countless other breeds and lovable mutts sitting on death row through no fault of their own.

We can only stop killing pits if we stop creating new ones. Legislators, please take note.

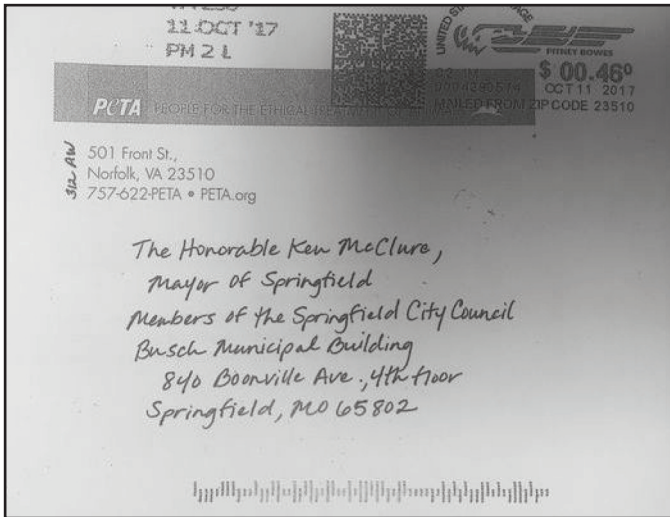
In an OpEd that appeared in various newspapers, Ingrid Newkirk writes that a growing number of shelters are enacting policies banning the adoption of pit bulls and, instead, requiring their automatic destruction. She then writes that PETA "supports the pit bull policy."

WHY PETA KILLS



A postcard sent to Nathan by Ingrid Newkirk explaining that PETA does not “advocate ‘right to life’ for animals.” Newkirk sent this note in response to Nathan’s query as to how, as an animal rights group, PETA could support the killing of community cats. (Newkirk’s item no. 2: “There are always exceptions,” answers another, unrelated issue Nathan asked her about.)

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In October, 2017, Springfield, MO, passed an ordinance that bans the adoption of any dog deemed a "pit bull" at the shelter. The law states that, *"If the dog is found to be a pit bull, it shall be destroyed."* It does allow people who already have a dog deemed a "pit bull" to keep him/her only if they comply with the following requirements: muzzling their dog in public, keeping the dog in an *"enclosure"* while in their own home, and posting a large sign that is *"at least eight inches by ten inches in rectangular dimensions and shall contain only the words 'PIT BULL DOG' in lettering not less than two inches in height."* Virtually everyone, including the local newspaper and shelter staff, cried foul, saying the law is unfair, arbitrary, and will result in the death of friendly, family dogs. Everyone, that is, except PETA. PETA applauded the new law and the fact that dogs would be killed. The local newspaper reported that, *"PETA sends handwritten 'thank you' to Springfield City Council for new pit bull ordinance."*

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Re: Defamatory statements against PETA

Dear Mr. Winograd:

I am general counsel to PETA and the purpose of this letter is to demand the immediate retraction of numerous false, malicious and defamatory statements made against PETA that appear on the blog on your website: www.nathanwinograd.com. While we generally do not agree with any of the statements you make about PETA, below are just a few examples of the defamatory and false statements that demand immediate attention.

In the blogs posted on your website on September 17, 2007, and March 3, 2008, regarding PETA employees' work in North Carolina, you falsely stated that the animals involved in the incident were adoptable and that, "It is irresponsible for PETA to break laws and kill animals in the face of alternatives."

In relation to that matter, you undoubtedly know or should know that the two PETA employees were cleared of all of the animal cruelty charges against them by a unanimous jury. Additionally, the evidence in that case proved that all of the animals surrendered to PETA personnel were unadoptable for a variety of reasons and had been surrendered precisely because they were not adoptable. You republish false statements by others suggesting the animals were obtained by false pretenses. As you also should know, the employees were specifically cleared of those charges. PETA in no way obtains animals by false pretenses and any statements to the contrary are false and malicious. Your statements are defamatory *per se* as they allege illegal conduct, place PETA in a false light, and must stop.

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Many animal lovers who have publicly condemned PETA for their killing have received a letter from the PETA legal department, threatening a lawsuit. However, because a lawsuit would allow for subpoenas of PETA employees past and present—leading to under-oath testimonies about the grisly reality of what has and is going on at PETA headquarters—it is unlikely that PETA would ever follow-through with these empty threats. Their donor-funded attorneys rattle their sabers, but know they have a lot more to fear from the public disclosure that would result from a lawsuit than the animal activists who are truthfully—and, given PETA's threats and intimidation, bravely—reporting on PETA's atrocities against animals in the hope of bringing them to an end.



Farm Animal Rights Movement, which hosts an annual animal rights conference, frequently includes Ingrid Newkirk as a speaker and inducted her into its Animal Rights Hall of Fame. Political expediency and sponsorship of the conference take precedence over the mission the group claims to represent and the lives of PETA's victims.

See more evidence, including animal custody records, photographs, court documents, testimony, articles, and more at whyPETAkills.com.