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## ETH News

### Will You Stand Up for Me?

For over 3 decades I have been fighting for all animals. Whether it is to protect animals from abuse, testing on animals, adding my voice to get laws passed plus many, many more reasons, I am dedicating this newsletter to all animals who suffer at the hands of humans everyday whether intentionally or unintentionally (balloon releases). But I have found over these 30+ years it is done intentionally. Please be a voice for the voiceless. I am proud to say I am their voice. But I am very disappointed with the cruelty that goes on in the state of Pennsylvania and no compassion from our elected state officials to do something about it. These stories that I am sharing are just a small fraction of what I have been fighting for.

### Balloon Ban Victory in Florida

## Ocean Action News

AUGUST 2024



### Balloon Ban Victory

Your actions make a difference! Recently, a Florida bill prohibiting the intentional release of balloons was signed into law. This marks a tremendous win for our manatees, sea turtles and other marine life that have fallen victim to balloon litter. This victory couldn't have happened without you and our amazing Ocean Conservancy network taking action for our ocean.



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## VICTORY: White Coat Waste eAds all cat abuse at VA Kitten Lab

### Major Win for Cats!

Thank you for helping us fight dog and cat tests at the Pentagon and Georgia Tech. We'll keep you updated. Now, I'd like to share this:

*"Cat experiments stopped at U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs."*  
— WJLA (ABC7)

**WE WON!** WCW just **SHUT DOWN** the VA's Stokes kitten lab! And it's the year's most important win for cats: Blocked the Biden Admin's plan to restart government kitten testing and ended the VA's entire feline experimentation program.

The only  
touch any pet  
should feel is  
the touch of  
kindness.

*"Remember, a person who dances with you in the rain will most likely walk with you in the storm" ~Positive Outlooks*

### PETA Victory

Animals are also used for testing on Mushrooms, Watermelons, Sorghum, Blueberries and Raspberries.

After a lot work by PETA, the Mangoes experiments ended but it took 7 years to achieve this victory.

The mango research and promotion board, appointed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), previously used and killed at least [160 mice and rats in experiments](#) to promote dubious human health claims about mangoes, a fruit that humans have safely eaten for thousands of years.

### Victory! Animals Won't Be Mutilated for Mangoes

After hearing from PETA and receiving thousands of e-mails from supporters like you, the National Mango Board has [agreed to stop mutilating](#) animals in fruitless mango experiments.

Animals will no longer be force-fed, starved, killed, and carved open in experiments that aren't required by law or relevant to human health. PETA blasted the rotten tests through letters, government complaints, public advertisements, videos, and more—and the mango board listened.

### PETA's Campaign to End the Mango Board's Experiments

PETA began contacting the mango board and [other similar research and promotion boards](#) in 2017 about their funding of cruel animal tests for agricultural products. [PETA's seven-year mango board campaign](#) included the following: [letters to the board's leadership](#); [complaints from PETA, Rep. Dina Titus](#), and national advocacy groups for Black and other underserved minority farmers to the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture; a [petition for rulemaking](#) to the U.S. Department of Agriculture; the submission of formal comments concerning the [2023 Farm Bill](#).

## Law Enforcement is Not Above the Law



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In my August newsletter I talked about letters that I had written to my State Senator and my State Representative about the cruelty that happens in Pennsylvania but our elected officials are not stepping up to stop it. This next article is even more disturbing that a horse is killed by means of being hit with a state troopers car on purpose and there is no punishment for this crime. 14,800 supporters signed the IDA petition and I was one of them. Below is the information from In Defense of Animals Website:

We are shocked and outraged that animal cruelty charges against a Pennsylvania state trooper who killed a lost horse with his vehicle have been dropped. In December 2021, a horse who had wandered from an Amish farm was struck by a vehicle on U.S. Route 1 in Lower Oxford Township. The horse was standing on the side of the road, still mobile and needing rescue.

Two state troopers responded, but when they arrived, the horse began to move north on the southbound lane. According to a report by Chester County prosecutors shared by media, one of the troopers tried unsuccessfully to catch the horse using jumper cables as a rope, but the horse headed onto an on-ramp. Cpl. Michael Perillo arrived via the on-ramp in his vehicle with his emergency lights on and blocked the horse between two vehicles, but the horse tried to go around him. Perillo changed his position, but the horse tried to go around again. At that point, Perillo hit the horse's right leg.

The horse turned around and tried to go back toward the trooper with the jumper cables, but that trooper fired five shots, hitting the horse at least once in the side. Perillo followed the horse, who was running to escape, and struck them four times with enough force that the last time the horse landed on the hood. He then struck the horse again after they fell off the hood. He hit the horse yet again after they tried to stand up, this time driving his car over the horse and pinning the severely injured equine down.

The horse was still alive at this point and then was shot and killed by another trooper. Charges against Corporal Michael Perillo were dismissed at the request of District Attorney Chris de Barrena-Sarobehad. They included two aggravated cruelty to animals causing death, aggravated cruelty to animals by torture, and cruelty to animals, carrying a combined maximum penalty of 16 years incarceration and \$35,000 in fines.

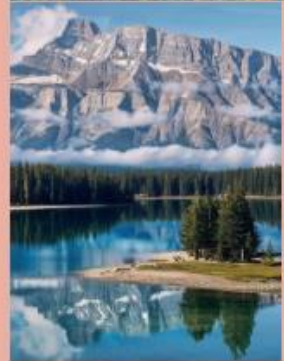
## Congressman Reschenthaler's Record

Since coming to Congress, he made it a top priority to fight for legislation protecting animals. For example, he was proud to co-sponsor and push for House consideration of the Preventing Animal Cruelty and Torture Act (P.L. 116-72), which was signed into law by President Donald J. Trump on November 25, 2019. This legislation outlawed the barbaric act of "animal crushing," viciously torturing, mutilating, or killing small animals. Further, last Congress, he joined Reps. Brian Fitzpatrick (PA-1), Charlie Crist (FL-13), and Jim McGovern (MA-2) in introducing the Puppy Protection Act. This bipartisan legislation would enhance standards for federally licensed commercial dog breeders, improving the lives of our nation's dogs and defending these creatures who cannot defend themselves. Additionally, on July 29, 2022, he voted for, and the U.S. House of Representatives passed the Big Cat Public Safety Act (P.L. 117-243) by a vote of 278 to 134. Specifically, this legislation, which was signed into law on December 20, 2022, prohibits the private ownership of big cats like tigers, lions, leopards, and pumas, and ends the abusive cub petting industry.

Baby Animals



Be kind to all animals



### Humane Transport of Farmed Animals Act

**PETITION TARGET:** U.S. Congress

Packed into trucks in extreme weather with **no food, no water, and no rest for hundreds of terrifying miles of travel** — these are just some of the dangerous conditions many animals in the U.S. face when they are transported from factory farms to slaughterhouses.

New legislation, called the Humane Transport of Farmed Animals Act, has the potential to alleviate some of this senseless suffering.

If passed, the act would put an end to grueling, long-distance transit for animals who are **too weak to stand on their own, are sick, injured, are in the final stages of pregnancy, or who would be in pain if moved.** It would also prevent newborn animals from being transported if they are so young that their navel is still unhealed.

**36,813 signed this petition which I was one of them. The petition was started by lady-freethinker.org**

### National Defense Authorization Act



As your constituent and a taxpayer, I urge you to ensure that House-passed language defunding cruel and wasteful testing on dogs and cats is included in the final FY25 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA).

I was troubled to learn from the White Coat Waste Project that the Department of Defense has been wasting millions of tax dollars on cruel and entirely unnecessary experiments on beagles and kittens. In some of these tests, puppies are being poisoned with experimental drugs and cats are being killed in invasive erectile dysfunction and constipation studies.

Following WCW's investigations, the House unanimously passed a bipartisan amendment to the FY25 NDAA cutting funding for DOD testing on cats and dogs.

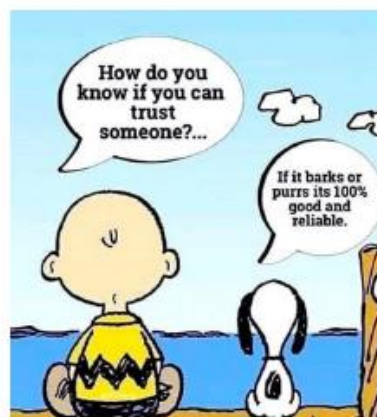
## How did this happen?

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The PA legislature finished its budget and recessed for the summer. And in doing so, a disappointing session so far for anti-cruelty bills got worse; a last-minute and surprise amendment to the Senate fiscal code overturned Pittsburgh's 30+ year rodeo ban—a ban that was a community-backed measure. This move not only undoes a ban preventing egregious animal cruelty, but also sets a dangerous precedent for overturning local laws statewide, laws that are supported by their own communities. While this move is bitterly disappointing for Pennsylvania's animals and all of us who are dedicated to ending cruelty, we commend the 4 senators who voted against this bill.



I am appalled that members of the Senate or Congress can change a bill that currently protects animals to where they add an amendment where it no longer does. Who does that? I have seen this many times over the years, especially to the Farm Bill. My opinion, it is political and it is evil. Those who do the amendments are most likely fulfilling a campaign promise to certain supporters who are losing money because of these bills. We trust these officials to do what is right for animals and this is what happens.

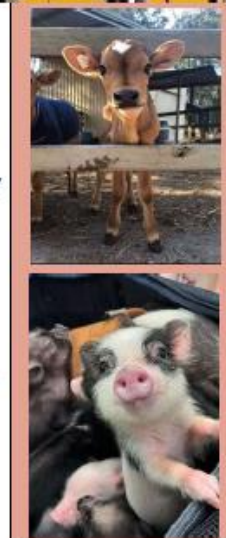


### Petition to Congress - oppose the amended Farm Bill

On factory farms across the country, mother pigs are forced to live most of their numbered days trapped in gestation crates: metal cages so small they cannot walk, turn around, or stretch their limbs to natural lengths. A mother pig may endure her entire pregnancy imprisoned in this torturous crate. Young calves raised for veal are typically confined to pens where they have no room to walk, run, or play — so their muscles never develop. Hens may be kept in cages so small they cannot fully raise their wings.

California's [Proposition 12](#) restricted the use of gestation crates on factory farms by banning the in-

state production and sale of certain products harvested from pigs subjected to these cages. The bill also set minimum space requirements for other animals, including baby cows and hens. The bill was overwhelmingly supported by voters and upheld by the Supreme Court last year. Now, newly proposed amendments to the federal Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2024 — also called the [Farm Bill](#) — could eradicate these basic welfare protections for mother pigs and other farmed animals.



## Wildlife Killing Contests

### Stop the Killing

Congress is once again taking on these gruesome events by introducing the [Prohibit Wildlife Killing Contests Act of 2024](#), which would ban gunning down wild animals in sadistic spectacles in which prizes are awarded for the most bloodshed.

Please urge your U.S. representative to cosponsor this important bill.



Cheryl Bilger Bertolino

Food Friends

Please sign. Killing should not be a contest to see how many animals someone can kill. Then giving them a prize for the number of animals killed. They are even getting children to participate. Putting a gun in a child's hands is asking for trouble. No child should have to be part of killing an innocent living creature. They need to be taught to respect life and not kill because someone is going to give you a prize.



SUPPORT PETA.ORG

U.S. Residents: Demand an End to Wildlife-Killing Contests on Federal Land!

"I wish I had hugged you just a little bit tighter that day. I didn't know it was going to be my last chance..." ~facebook.com/Missinglovedone

## Comical Animals

Something to make you smile.



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