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Loran Skunky
Chair
Further Confusion 2010

Via e-mail: [REDACTED]

Dear Loran,

Greetings from People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA), the world's largest animal rights organization, with more than 2 million members and supporters. From one group of animal lovers to another, **we hope that you will implement a faux-fur-only policy for Fursuiters and dealers at your upcoming annual Furry convention.**

If Furry fandom is about imagining what it would be like if animals could walk and talk like us, please imagine for a moment what animals would have to say about being abused and killed for their fur.

Every year, millions of animals suffer and die in the fur industry. Rabbits are skinned alive and scream like human babies, and foxes—driven insane from stress and boredom—repeatedly throw themselves against the sides of their wire cages. Chinchillas are killed by genital electrocution, and minks are cruelly gassed to prevent damage to their pelts. Sometimes these methods only stun the animals, who often remain conscious while workers rip the skin off their bodies.

Please take a few minutes to watch our [undercover video footage](#) of fur farms in China, where most of the world's fur originates, so you can see for yourself that real fur has no place at a convention that celebrates animals.

Will you please let us know that you will enforce a strict no-fur policy for your conventions, beginning with Further Confusion in January? I can be reached at [REDACTED] or [REDACTED].

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Kind regards,

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