

March 10, 2008

The Right Honourable Stephen Harper
Prime Minister of Canada
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Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

On behalf of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) and our more than 1.8 million members and supporters worldwide, I am writing to respectfully request that you support a ban on the cruel practice of “baiting and shooting” black bears. I am enclosing recent video footage taken by a PETA representative that shows how bears are lured to a bait site and then shot—even when their cubs are present.

As you can see from the video footage, some bears are mothers who leave behind orphaned cubs. The cubs surely cannot survive on their own. In addition, many bears who escape the hunters are wounded and face a slow death from blood loss, gangrene or other infections, dehydration, or starvation.

There is no defence for this cruel and unsportsmanlike practice. The baiting of other big game, such as deer and moose, is banned for ethical reasons; the baiting of migratory waterfowl is also prohibited. Baiting bears is wrong, and 77 percent of Canadians do not agree with the practice.

Please end this cruelty by working to ban bear baiting in Canada. Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely yours,



Ingrid E. Newkirk
President

Enclosure: “Canadian Black Bear Baiting Investigation” DVD



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