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Dear Ms. Winfrey,

On behalf of PETA's more than 1.8 million members and supporters worldwide, *thank you* for honoring Sophie by exposing the deplorable conditions in puppy mills, where thousands of little angels like Sophie are born and many die, alone and unloved. ***One of your viewers has already donated 100 lifesaving spay surgeries in your honor!*** You have made people open their hearts and eyes to what dogs endure in the pet trade and, because of you, countless people will never again buy a dog or a cat from a pet store or a breeder but, as you said, "Adopt!" You deserve the biggest medal on the face of the earth.

Please beware: Legislation to stop puppy mills is fought tooth and nail by the American Kennel Club (AKC), which will defend breeders no matter what. The AKC has done everything it can to thwart regulation that would help pound pups and shelter dogs. At PETA we say, "When you buy, pound puppies die." And that's the truth.

Thank you for being so strong and clear that adoption is the only way to go. The AKC has to take the lion's share of the blame for the deaths of more than 3 million dogs and cats every year in animal shelters, all of whom deserve good homes. Those homes, however, are being taken by specially bred dogs that come into an already-overpopulated world solely because of breeders' greed.

More than 10,000 dogs and cats die in gas chambers and by injection in someone's arms *every day* in the U.S. because the AKC promotes breeding, registers and provides "papers" to countless puppy-mill pups every year, and euphemistically calls these puppy factories "high-volume breeders." An estimated 25 percent of dogs abandoned at animal shelters are purebred. Dogs don't care if they have "papers" or not—and neither should anyone else.

PETA works very hard to spay and neuter low-income families' dogs and cats with our Animal Birth Control Campaign (ABC), which you can learn more about at HelpingAnimals.com.

All the staff from our SNIP (Spay and Neuter Immediately, Please) clinic and here at our headquarters—along with our members, supporters, and volunteers—thank you from the bottoms of our hearts for your wisdom, compassion, and hard work to make the world a kinder place for animals. Your efforts will help save countless animals from pain and suffering—and we can't imagine a better tribute to Sophie.

Very truly yours,

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