

The Honourable Dennis Merchant, Attorney General  
Ministry of the Attorney General, Justice and Legal Affairs  
Government Headquarters  
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Dear Attorney General Merchant,

I am writing to you on behalf of PETA and our more than 1.8 million members and supporters to inform you of complaints and undercover photographs that we have recently received from students at Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine in St Kitts. The complaints concern needlessly invasive and deadly procedures being performed on animals in the school's curriculum, and these procedures appear to violate St Kitts' Protection of Animals Act (Cap 111 of the 1961 Revised Edition of the Laws of St Christopher and Nevis).

At Ross University, healthy dogs have their stomachs, intestines and urinary bladders needlessly cut open. Sheep have tissue removed and suffer from infected wounds because skin flaps are improperly sutured. Donkeys have the nerves in their toes severed, their ligaments cut, plastic tubes inserted through their noses to their stomachs, their abdomens punctured, their tracheas (windpipes) cut, and fluid removed from their joints – after which they are killed so that students can practise amputating animals' bones and drilling into their skulls. We have enclosed specific information about these procedures and their alternatives.

Other veterinary schools train their students without resorting to multiple surgeries on animals and euthanising healthy animals. As the law in St Kitts forbids "unnecessary suffering" of animals, **we urge you to investigate this matter and pursue prosecution against Ross if the university refuses to discontinue its abusive and apparently illegal practices.**

I can be contacted by phone at 757-962-8325 (US) or via e-mail at [ShalinG@peta.org](mailto:ShalinG@peta.org). Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,

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