

October 1, 2009

Omar Vizquel
c/o Texas Rangers
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Dear Mr. Vizquel,

On behalf of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) and our more than 2 million members and supporters, including many Texas Rangers fans and thousands of residents in the Dallas area, I'm writing to urge you to nix your off-season plans to learn bullfighting. We know that you have hit only one home run this year, but if you're looking for a way to prove that you can perform, believe me, torturing an already weakened animal won't impress anyone.

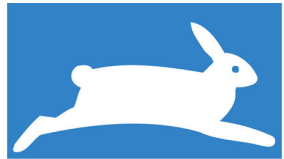
In bullfighting, the bull doesn't stand a chance. Even before the matador enters the ring, the animal is beaten in the kidneys and stabbed in the neck to wear him down. Bulls are also often fed laxatives to debilitate them further, and petroleum jelly is smeared into their eyes to affect their vision. By the time the matador steps into the ring, the bulls are weaker than—oh, forgive me—a shortstop with a career OPS below .700.

If you're looking for a thrill while you're home in Venezuela, go skydiving, take up drag racing, or challenge Hugo Chavez to an arm-wrestling match. But with all due respect, please leave animal abuse out of your midlife crisis.

Sincerely,



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Director of Campaigns



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