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Crane H. Kenney, Chair  
Chicago Cubs

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Dear Mr. Kenney:

On behalf of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) and our thousands of members and supporters in the Chicago area, I'm writing to warn you about KFC's offer to give the Cubs the Colonel Sanders statue that was pulled from a river in Japan: Accepting a statue of this notorious animal abuser won't break the Cubs' curse—if history is any guide, it will just make it worse.

The Cubs have a history of giving the cold shoulder to animals. From the spurning of Billy Sianis' companion goat to the uncharitable reception given to the black cat who came to catch a game at Shea, the animal kingdom is probably a bit miffed at the Cubs. And if you think the Curse of the Billy Goat is bad, just wait for the fury that will be unleashed if you make a deal with the devil and erect a statue of Colonel Sanders.

Despite years of pressure from PETA and compassionate consumers worldwide, birds raised and killed for KFC are still enduring horrendous abuse. They are bred and drugged to grow so large that they often become crippled—like Roger Clemens did from his steroid-induced groin injuries—and have their throats cut while they are still conscious. Many are even scalded to death. PETA documented that workers in a KFC "Supplier of the Year" slaughterhouse were slamming birds into walls, stomping on them, spray-painting their faces, spitting tobacco into their eyes, and worse.

We hope that you'll do the right thing for animals—and the Cubs—and tell KFC to take its Colonel Sanders statue and jump into that Japanese river. If one irritated goat could cause a decades-long curse, just imagine what billions of angry chickens could do.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dan Shannon", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Dan Shannon  
Director