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Secretary to
HIS HOLINESS THE DALAI LAMA

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Mr. Chilleron Hellin
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Dear Mr. Chilleron Hellin,

I am directed to thank you for your email addressed to His Holiness the Dalai Lama.

His Holiness is saddened to learn that in Spain thousands of animals, in particular bulls, cows and calves, are maltreated for the purpose of providing entertainment. These creatures, just like ourselves, experience pleasure and pain and have a need to live in peace.

As Buddhist, we value the ideal of non-violence. It means making effort not to injure, exploit, maltreat or irresponsibly deprive other living beings of their freedom. If we are unmoved by the sight of animals in pain but instead find it entertaining, this lack of compassion may easily also extend to our fellow human beings.

His Holiness believes that we are basically gentle by nature and that this gentleness is the foundation for the most noble of our human qualities. It is important to direct our altruism not only towards our human brothers and sisters but towards all living beings with whom we share this world. His Holiness therefore fully supports the work being done by the National Association for the Protection and Welfare of Animals (A.N.P.B.A.)

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,


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Tenzin Geyche Tethong