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From the President



Dear Animal Party Cyprus members

The content of this week's newsletter

reminds me of the distressing experience I had when I undertook an official visit to the main Cyprus slaughterhouse and was given a tour around it. I will not distress you by passing on to you the horrors that I saw. Horrors that occur on a daily basis, and which reach astronomical heights (or I should say devilish depths) on religious occasions, when thousands of animals have to be slaughtered fast.

Dear animal friends, please give your consideration as to whether you really wish to support these horrors by buying the sad products – full of antibiotics and flesh distressed by bruising beating and electrical prods. This is simply facts. As Paul McCartney said 'if slaughterhouses had glass walls...'. Well, they don't, but I went and saw the evils for myself.

Wishing you and your family a healthy, compassionate diet.

Kyriacos

NICOSIA PRIDE MARCH

- racism, sexism, speciesism - the last barrier.



Animal Party Cyprus attended the Nicosia Pride March, after an invitation from the organisers. Other political parties were also represented. In his address, APC President Kyriacos Kyriacou said: Animal Party Cyprus has one more reason to be with you here today. While you are fighting for the obvious and your human rights, for the same purpose Animal Party Cyprus is struggling for animal rights in Cyprus.

ONCE AGAIN THE EU COMMISSION DEMONSTRATES ITS INDIFFERENCE TO SUFFERING



It really is amazing to have witnessed over the years the Commission's commitment to money at the expense of animal suffering. They fight any compassionate input from the EU parliament or from the various animal lobbying groups. Compassion in World Farming has always been a non-extreme organisation, but even they are expressing their disbelief at this institution, which is supposed to represent us – animal lovers and taxpayers – supposed to be at the heart of democracy.

The Slaughter Directive is being ignored all over Europe. Compassion in World Farming, although it has had harrowing scenes filmed, is not using these graphic images. But here are some of their statements last week.

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION HAS TURNED ITS BACK ON ANIMALS

The end of a farm animal's life – hidden behind the walls of a slaughterhouse – is a time when they are at their most vulnerable. It's a time when they most need protection from abuse, cruelty and negligence. But it's also a time when Europe's leaders turn their backs on the animals.

Over the last year Compassion's work lobbying the Commission on slaughter issues has become increasingly frustrating. We've raised five major slaughter concerns with them, affecting billions of animals, and each time they have failed to show any compassion. The indifference we have witnessed has left us shocked and appalled

We wish we could tell you the practices we're talking about are limited to individual cases of bad slaughterhouses, but for the most part it's 'standard-industry-procedure' carried out on a terrifyingly vast scale

