

Friday June 25, 2010

The Hon. Andrew Swan  
Minister of Justice & Attorney General  
Minister's Office  
104 Legislative Building, 450 Broadway  
Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 0V8

Dear Minister Swan,

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A farm in Notre Dame de Lourdes, Manitoba was found to have 2,700 animals locked in a barn, many of them deceased and decomposing. Of that number, 500 pigs were found dead from starvation and suffocation, 160 pigs had to be euthanized, and another 2,000 are being treated for serious health concerns.

The RCMP has determined that this is a case of severe neglect. The owners of the farm not only lived across the road from the farm but also had stores of food that they simply and cruelly neglected to supply to the animals.

Further to this disturbing news, RCMP has now confirmed that the **same barn** which housed the suffering animals, burned down on Wednesday June 23, 2010. This is extremely suspicious considering the fire would have destroyed evidence against them in an animal cruelty case.

**No animals should be left to suffer to death by starvation and suffocation.**

I urge you to lay animal cruelty charges against the owner of these pigs.

Settling for less than this is to condone unnecessary and avoidable cruelty.

Sincerely,

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The Hon. Stan Struthers  
Minister of Agriculture, Food & Rural Initiatives  
Minister's Office  
165 Legislative Building, 450 Broadway  
Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 0V8

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