

CCFA and WSPA launch transport complaint with CFIA

During summer's hottest July days, heat-distressed pigs aboard trucks waited for slaughter at Quality Meat Packers in downtown Toronto. The pigs were vocalizing, panting and frothing at the mouth.

Concerned Torontonians and local activists with the group, **Toronto Pig Save**, filmed the desperate pigs, and posted it on YouTube.

CCFA and WSPA then launched a formal complaint with the Canadian Food Inspection Agency about the pigs' stressed

condition, referencing the footage which provided clear evidence of the pigs' state. See

<http://tinyurl.com/3kopqrm>.



Photo credit: Alex Greenwood

Severely overcrowded, heat-stressed pigs await slaughter in trucks at Quality Meat Packers in Toronto.

Animal transport trucks in Canada are not required to have mechanical cooling or heating for winter. As a result, when traffic is stopped in the intense heat of summer, the animals suffer greatly. In winter, the animals' skin sometimes freezes to metal sides of trucks.

Desperately-needed revisions to Canada's outdated transport regulations are still in limbo after more than a decade of government delay.

Adoptive homes sought

When Animal Alliance of Canada rescued 30 sheep from the University of Guelph in February, they rented a barn near London, Ontario. The sheep share the barn with eight bulls and one cow, who are owned by an absentee farmer. The cattle are young (approximately 10 – 12 months) and very friendly.

The cattle are being fed for slaughter and live ankle deep in their own feces. If adoptive homes can be found, the cattle will be purchased and prepared for life in sanctuaries. If you can help, please contact Liz White at 416-462-9541 ext23 or liz@animalalliance.ca.

Toronto Veg Fair is September 9 - 11, 2011

The CCFA will be at the Toronto Vegetarian Association's annual veg fair at Toronto's Harbourfront Centre, 235 Queen's Quay West. If you're in Toronto, stop by our booth, #IM07, in the International Marketplace.

The fair features expert speakers, cooking demos, delicious food, and free samples from vendors.

Enjoy a diverse cross-section of vegetarian cuisine at the 27th annual Vegetarian Food Festival in Toronto.

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Manitoba sow stall campaign calls for 2017 phase out

CCFA's and CETFA's sow stall campaign ad is running again on Manitoba television networks. The reception has been amazing so far. Your campaign donations are helping get the TV message out to Manitobans, to encourage provincial producers and legislators to end sow stalls by 2017.

Manitoba Pork, the provincial marketing agency, announced in spring they would "recommend" (but not

require) their producers to move to open housing for sows by 2025. That's way too long to wait. Our campaign calls for a change to open housing in six years. Some jurisdictions, such as California, are phasing out sow stalls in less time.

If you haven't yet sent a message to Manitoba Pork, large pig producers and grocers, visit our campaign site, www.helpthepigs.ca and click "Take action."



Supporters of the sow stall campaign

Numerous animal protection organizations and esteemed individuals have signed on as campaign supporters, including animal welfare expert **Dr. Ian Duncan**, professor emeritus, University of Guelph. Other supporters include **Arthur Schaefer**, Professor and Director of the Centre for Professional and Applied Ethics, University of Manitoba, **Erika Ritter**, writer, **Carolyn Hewson**, veterinarian, and **Roger Harley**, director of farm protocol development for Rowe Farms.

The campaign welcomes the support of the **National Farmers Union, Manitoba Branch**.

Pre-addressed campaign postcards in support of the campaign are available by emailing info@humanefood.ca. Tell us how many cards you want, and don't forget to include your mailing address. Visit the campaign supporters' page: <http://helpthepigs.ca/page.php?id=supporters>

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