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**From:** Ashley Fruno  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 25, 2013 2:10 AM  
**To:** ffmohamed@cu.edu.eg  
**Subject:** PETA: Treatment of Animals at Cairo University's Veterinary Program

Dear Dean Farouk,

I hope this letter finds you well. You may recall that People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) wrote to you last year in regards to videos showing animal cruelty at Cairo University. I have included the letter below for your reference. As we never received a response from you, could you kindly detail what actions have been taken to ensure incidents like the ones depicted in the videos never occur again?

We look forward to hearing from you.

Warm regards,

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Dear Dean Farouk,

Thank you in advance for your time. I am writing to you on behalf of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) Asia-Pacific and our international affiliates, which have more than 3 million members and supporters around the world. As you know, two disturbing videos have recently surfaced showing animal cruelty at the veterinary university of Cairo University—specifically, dogs are seen being tied, beaten with sticks, and stomped upon in preparation for experimentation, and a donkey is seen undergoing cruel anal electrocution. We appreciate that you issued a [press release](#) condemning the “outrageous, shameful, disgraceful act” and pledged to “punish those responsible” and ensure “that this kind of acts will never happen again.” However your response to this situation, while commendable, is a beginning, but does not close the matter.

**We respectfully call on you to completely replace the members of Cairo University’s animal welfare and rights committee since the existing committee failed to prevent the abuse shown in the videos. Further, we urge you to include more members on this**

**committee from Egyptian animal rights organizations so that animals' best interests are represented.**

PETA U.S. has worked with veterinary colleges around the world to replace invasive and terminal training exercises with humane curricula that train students without harming animals. **We urge you to prohibit all veterinary training procedures that cause harm or result in the death of an animal and instead adopt a cruelty-free curriculum in which all teaching procedures must benefit animals**—this is a standard that has already been met at many veterinary schools in the U.S. and around the world.

For instance, veterinary students at Tufts University and the Western University of Health Sciences use sophisticated manikins similar to those used in medical schools to practice surgical techniques. Further, rather than injuring and practicing surgery on healthy animals, students gain extensive hands-on experience in a clinical setting while treating animals who genuinely need veterinary care (e.g., such as by performing spay and neuter surgeries that benefit the animals). These veterinary schools often develop relationships with nearby animal shelters so that they can provide care for animals who need treatment.

While Cairo University's undergraduate course in Animal Behavior and Welfare and postgraduate course in Ethics for Using Animals in Experiments gives the appearance of that true concern for the animals' welfare is part of the curriculum, requiring veterinary students to harm animals during training exercises undermines the lessons in animal welfare that your institution is attempting to teach. **As such, it is imperative that Cairo University eliminate all terminal practice surgeries and medically unnecessary invasive procedures on animals.**

We would be happy to assist you in modernizing your veterinary curricula and put you in touch with international veterinary experts who have expertise in replacing harmful experiments on animals. **Can you please share with us all of your experimental protocols on animals so that our veterinary experts can make informed recommendations on how to reduce, refine and replace animal use?**

You can contact me directly by e-mail at [JasonB@PETAAsiaPacific.com](mailto:JasonB@PETAAsiaPacific.com). Thank you for your consideration of this important matter, and I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



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