

July 5, 2010

Dr. Wayne Lees  
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Dear Dr. Lees:

**Re: Starvation of 2,700 pigs in Notre Dame de Lourdes, Manitoba**

We are writing to encourage your office to pursue with vigor the investigation of the starvation of 2,700 pigs in Notre Dame de Lourdes, Manitoba. Should your office determine the evidence in this case could lead to a conviction under the *Animal Care Act* of Manitoba or the *Criminal Code of Canada*, we urge you to actively pursue that end.

We have questions about the dead and dying pigs at the Notre Dame de Lourdes site.

- 1). What method was used to euthanize the suffering pigs deemed too ill to recover?
- 2). Were these euthanized animals also put into the compost pile?
- 3). Were the bodies of the already-dead pigs forensically tested to determine duration of starvation; and were full autopsies performed to determine cause of death?
- 4). What is to become of the 2,000+ pigs seized from the operation? Will they be entering the human food chain?

Thank you in advance for your assistance with our questions.

Sincerely,

Liz White  
**Animal Alliance of Canada**

Stephanie Brown  
**Canadian Coalition for Farm Animals**

Twyla Francois  
**Canadians for the Ethical  
Treatment of Food Animals**

Dana Medoro  
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cc

Andrew Swan, Minister of Justice and Attorney General  
Stan Struthers, Minister of Agriculture  
Greg Selinger, Premier