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Farm Fires in Quebec: the Massacre Must Stop

Montreal, March 5, 2020 - Québec Animal Law (DAQ) and Canadians for Ethical Treatment of Farmed Animals (CETFA) are urging the Quebec government to create fire safety standards to protect farmed animal beings.

A Phenomenon of Alarming Proportions

According to figures collected by the working group led by Dr. Jean-Jacques Kona-Boun and available on the CETFA website, since 2015, nearly [half a million animal beings have perished by burning alive on Québec farms](#).

In addition, statistics from the Ministry of Public Safety indicate an average frequency of four fires of agricultural buildings per week.

The absence of fire safety standards to protect farmed animal beings means that they are less protected than the inert material goods among which they are counted when the economic toll of the fires is reckoned.

Call to Action

The DAQ community and CETFA strongly urge the population to react to this situation by [signing and sharing a petition](#), available until June 3rd 2020 on the website of the Québec National Assembly, asking the Government of Québec to protect farmed animal beings by enacting standards which prevent barn fires in farm buildings.

A video showing graphic footage of barn fires - narrated by Jacques Godin, an actor committed to the animal cause - is also circulating on social media.

About the DAQ Community

The [DAQ](#) Community, a non-profit organization (NPO), brings together professionals, experts and members of the Québec community who are interested in animal law in Québec, in particular the application of the Animal Welfare and Safety Act (AWSA) of 2015.

Our leaders, members and participants include legal experts, attorneys, notaries, law students and legal technicians as well as veterinarians, behaviorists and ethologists, university professors, teachers and experts in fields such as cognitive science, ethics and the environment.

Our legal and community interventions aim to protect and defend animal beings in Québec, including those who are domesticated and those used in industrial farming, as well as wildlife, both domestic and exotic.

About CETFA

Canadians For Ethical Treatment of Farmed Animals ([CETFA](#)) is a non-profit organization whose mission is to conduct investigations and educate the public about intensive farming practices, with particular attention to (1) practices that harm animal welfare or endanger human health (2) environmental impact, and (3) the role of power politics in maintaining the system while denying public access to factual information. We seek to answer these interconnected questions through surveys, education and sensitizing the public about the need for compassionate treatment of farmed animal beings.

Source - CETFA and DAQ

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