



Natt and Steve De Rossi
The Punt Hotel
Darlington Point, NSW

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Dear Mr and Ms De Rossi:

I'm writing from PETA following complaints we've received regarding your planned (and quite creepy) 'Pig Day Out' event, which combines using live pigs for entertainment with a whole pig's corpse, impaled on a spit, and their ground-up body parts in the form of salami. We'd like to instead suggest racing remote control cars and replacing pig flesh with delicious vegan pork products.

Pigs are one of the most intelligent animals on the planet; curious, social animals who feel emotions and pain just like we do. Mother pigs hum 'lullabies' to their nursing babies, they sleep snout to snout with friends and dream just like we do, and they show empathy toward other animals – including humans. Professor Donald Broom, Emeritus Fellow of Veterinary Medicine at Cambridge University, has identified that pigs "have the cognitive ability to be quite sophisticated. Even more so than dogs and certainly [more so than] three-year-olds."

Pig racing isn't harmless. Because exhibitors need a constant supply of piglets for these races, they routinely buy from breeders. Instead of being nurtured by their doting mothers, weeks-old babies are sold and put on the road. When pigs are too large or too old to race any longer, they're usually killed.

When you consider that pigs in Australia spend their whole lives crammed in filthy, dark sheds before being gassed, slaughtered and dismembered at just 6 months old, you can see how using a dead pig's roasting corpse as the centerpiece of an event also featuring live pigs is macabre.

When you showcase animals' adorable personalities and then serve up their corpses on a plate, you teach children that it's okay to exploit others for our own pleasure, no matter how much they suffer. Animals deserve better, while toy cars can't feel pain or stress, making them the perfect alternative for a thrilling and entertaining race

We hope you'll make compassionate changes to your event. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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