

Dear Stormy,

I hope you're doing well! At PETA, we are inspired by your strength and courage, and would be honored if you would star in a PSA to protect horses from the cruelties of horse racing and urge folks to never participate in horse racing events.

Every week, an average of 24 horses shatter bones and die at racetracks across the country, and the distressing number of deaths continue to mount. Last year alone, 16 horses died at Churchill Downs in the weeks leading to the Kentucky Derby. As documented by PETA in this heartbreaking video, [Lost in Limbo](#) was one of them. While Churchill Downs did listen to our pleas and suspended racing, it has yet to make any meaningful changes to protect horses.

At all tracks, horses are drugged, whipped, and many end up in foreign slaughterhouses. [PETA recently exposed](#) that Private Vow, who ran in the Kentucky Derby, was sold to South Korea to be used for breeding. When he was no longer profitable, he was sent to slaughter so that his flesh could be consumed by humans and other bits rendered into personal care products. This is the fate of virtually all [American racehorses](#) who are sold overseas.

The mint juleps and fancy hats may seem like fun, but these are not events that anyone who cares about animals should support. We work with wonderful celebrity photographers, groomers, and stylists, and will tailor a concept specifically for you, but I attached a rough mockup of what we had in mind.

Your voice could make a significant difference in protecting these magnificent animals. Thank you for your time and consideration.

All the best,

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