

Dairy cow can't walk gross abuse follows

The cow arrived at Walton Stockyards in the morning. After the other animals were removed from the truck, she was left behind, unable to move. The stockyard workers beat and kicked her and used electric prods in her ear. Finally, they tied a rope around her neck, tied the other end to a post, and drove the truck away. The cow was dragged along the floor of the truck and fell to the ground, landing with both hind legs and her pelvis broken.

She lay in the hot sun crying. The only water she received was from Jessie Pierce, an animal rights activist, who had been contacted by a woman who witnessed the incident.

The stockyard operator informed Jessie that he would kill the cow after she left. When Jessie returned, the stockyard was deserted and the cow was still alive, being attacked by dogs. The water had been removed. Jessie contacted the state police. A trooper wanted to shoot the cow but was told that a veterinarian should kill her. The veterinarians at the facility would not euthanize the cow, claiming that to preserve the value of the meat, she could not be destroyed. The butcher finally arrived at 7:30 p.m. and shot the cow.



This cow is one of the 25 billion animals who suffer for the table every year in the United States.

FACTORY FARMING

Billions of animals suffer on factory farms every year in the United States. Each one of them is painfully tortured and killed. "Downed animals," those too sick or weak to stand, suffer even more. The idyllic barnyard scenes portrayed in children's books have been replaced by metal sheds, wire cages, tiny crates, and stalls.

Cows are branded, castrated, and dehorned without

painkillers. At the slaughterhouse, they are hoisted upside down and have their throats slit, often while still conscious.

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Pigs are confined to filthy stalls. Their tails are chopped off, the ends of their teeth are cut off with pliers, and male pigs are castrated—all without anesthetics. They are scalded, hung upside down, and bled to death.

Chickens are crammed by the tens of thousands into warehouses with no access to fresh air or sunlight. They suffer from respiratory diseases, crippled legs, heart attacks, and other serious ailments. During slaughter, their throats are cut, and they, too, are dumped into scalding water.

HELP NEEDED

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