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Dear Commissioner Højbjerg,

I am contacting you on behalf of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) and our hundreds of thousands of European supporters, following the intentional killing of a rabbit on *Radio24syv*.

We have received numerous complaints from members of the public outraged to hear that presenter Asger Juhl beat 9-week-old rabbit Alan to death with a bicycle pump live on air. Causing an animal to suffer in an attempt to boost ratings is sickening behaviour and sends an especially harmful message to young listeners, who are greatly influenced by what they hear. It is this kind of outright disregard for animals that keeps caseworkers inundated with cruelty-to-animals reports year-round.

By beating Alan to death, we believe Asger Juhl was in breach of the Animal Protection Act, Act no. 1343 of 4 December 2007 § 1, which states: "Dyr skal behandles forsvarligt og beskyttes bedst muligt mod smerte, lidelse, angst, varigt men og væsentlig ulempe", which in English means, "Animals should be treated properly and protected as much as possible from pain, suffering, fear, permanent disability and major inconvenience". As stated in § 28 of the Act, a breach of § 1 can be punished with fines, a ban on keeping animals and imprisonment.

We strongly urge you, as National Police Commissioner, to ensure that this kind of cruelty does not go unpunished and that Asger Juhl will be charged. We stand ready to meet with you about this important issue.

Kind regards,

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