



PEOPLE FOR
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OF ANIMALS

The Honourable Joseba Asirón
Mayor of Pamplona

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Dear Mayor Asirón,

We are writing on behalf of 30 women's, children's, and animal organisations and our millions of members and supporters around the globe. Following [11 allegations of sexual assault, four rapes, and one attempted rape](#) perpetrated against women, children, and men on the streets of Pamplona, as well as the torture and death of 54 bulls, we urge you to put an end to the violent San Fermín festival.

We are united in our fight against violence. The recklessness and cruelty inherent in bullfighting and bull runs can encourage a dangerous and lawless atmosphere in which the safety and lives of humans and animals are put at risk for the sake of depraved "entertainment". Numerous studies indicate a direct link between cruelty to animals and other forms of violence, including a study by the [Massachusetts SPCA and Northeastern University](#) in the US which found that "people who abused animals were five times more likely to commit violent crimes against people".

It's imperative that Pamplona City Council protect the safety of both residents and visitors. Banning all future bullfighting and bull-running events will go a long way towards ensuring that.

Please, may we hear back from you on this important issue? PETA's Kirsty Henderson can be contacted at KirstyH@peta.org.uk or on +44 (0) 20 7837 6327 on behalf of the groups listed below. We look forward to hearing from you and thank you for your time and attention.

Yours sincerely,



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