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Mayor of Pamplona

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Dear Mr Mayor,

With 30 bulls already dead and at least 22 humans gored or injured so far at this year's Running of the Bulls, the San Fermín festival continues to be a vestige of a far less enlightened time when people didn't understand that animals can feel pain and fear and thought nothing of putting fellow humans in harm's way.

So when we saw [this now-viral video](#) featuring people dressed in *Tyrannosaurus rex* costumes assembled for a race in the United States, we had an epiphany: *if you want to carry on hosting an event reminiscent of the Stone Age, this is it!* Rather than chasing terrified bulls to their death, runners could have great fun – without harming or killing anyone – by racing each other through the city's cobbled streets. The bold move would put Pamplona on the map – for all the right reasons.

More than 125 Spanish towns and cities recognise that tormenting and butchering bulls for entertainment has no place in 21st century Spain and have declared themselves opposed to bullfighting. We urge you to add Pamplona to that list. The Running of the Bulls and the bullfights that follow are cruel and archaic, and if you agree to shut them down, PETA will gladly foot the bill for the dinosaur costumes.

I hope you'll consider PETA's humane suggestion. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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