



The Rt. Honourable Boris Johnson, MP  
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Dear Prime Minister

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Britain prides itself on being a nation of animal lovers, and that's why we banned fur farming two decades ago – because it is unspeakably cruel and utterly devoid of respect for animals. Subjecting foxes, mink, raccoon dogs and other animals to the endless monotony of life in a tiny, barren metal cage, only to be gassed or electrocuted to death for frivolous fashion, is totally unacceptable. Subjecting coyotes and other wild animals to the agony and prolonged distress of being caught in traps, is no better.

When Britain took its world-leading stand against the cruelty of fur farming, it was morally the right thing to do. Since then, almost 20 countries have followed our lead.

But as long as Britain allows the sale of cruel fur from overseas, we remain complicit in an industry that causes immense animal suffering, environmental harm, and also presents risks to human health through the spread of deadly viruses. It is not enough to say that we have banned fur cruelty from our own back yard, we must stop outsourcing that same cruelty from overseas.

That's why we want to see Britain lead the world once again by banning the sale of fur, and fully support those charities calling for a #FurFreeBritain.

It is shocking to know that in fur farms and traps around the world, more than 100 million animals suffer and die every year for the frivolous fur trade, including for fur sold here in the UK. The UK imports fur from Poland, China, Finland and beyond, where countless investigations have revealed the terrible suffering endured by these animals. Their blood is on our hands for as long as Britain is open for business with the fur trade.

The British public agree; polls show that 72% of Brits support a ban on the sale of fur, and 93% of the population reject wearing fur altogether. Now that Britain has left the European Union's single market, your government has the opportunity and authority to introduce a fur sales ban. Please act now to make Britain the first country in the world to ban the sale of fur, and call time on a cruel and outdated trade that has no place in any civilised society in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Please make the compassionate decision for a #FurFreeBritain.

Sincerely,

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