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Dear Mr Sullivan:

I'm writing on behalf of PETA UK – PETA entities have more than 9 million members and supporters globally – following viral video footage of West Ham United player Kurt Zouma slapping, kicking, and hurling objects at his cat. Anyone who abuses an animal in such a heinous way must suffer the consequences of their actions, and we therefore ask that you ensure he never plays for or otherwise represents your club again.

Many people in the community, particularly young people, look up to West Ham players as role models and heroes. Your players should be teaching young people the Golden Rule – treat others as you wish to be treated – not abusing a defenceless cat, certainly not in front of a child.

Violence towards animals is a grave matter and must be dealt with as such. According to health professionals and the police, those who commit violent acts towards animals are often repeat offenders – and those who find twisted pleasure in such cruelty often go on to harm humans.

To allow Zouma to continue to play for your club would be a stain on West Ham's reputation and would send the worrying message to your fans and the public that the club doesn't take animal abuse seriously. For this reason, we ask that you give Zouma the boot.

Yours sincerely,

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