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The Honorable Marcelo Ebrard Casaubon
Secretary of Foreign Affairs

Via e-mail: canciller@sre.gob.mx

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I'm writing on behalf of PETA Latino—PETA entities have more than 9 million members and supporters globally—regarding the current tragedies facing people in Ukraine, including Mexicans, and their animal companions as they attempt to flee from the war. Reports suggest that some of these traumatized people are facing the difficult decision of whether to leave behind beloved animals due to protocols. We urge you to do all you can to allow Mexican refugees to travel with their animal companions during the evacuation that your administration is implementing.

Border countries, including Hungary, Poland, and Romania, are loosening their restrictions to make the process of admitting companion animals less bureaucratic, and we urge you to follow suit to protect vulnerable animals who face a terrifying and prolonged death if their guardians or other caring people are forced to leave them behind.

Considering the unprecedented circumstances, please allow fleeing Mexican nationals to take their animals with them from Ukraine. These animals must be offered refuge, too, and they are vital for giving comfort to fleeing, traumatized people in these horrible times. PETA Germany is on the ground at the Ukrainian border and even inside Ukraine, offering much-needed supplies and support to humans and their animals fleeing the conflict. If we can assist you in easing restrictions on evacuating animal companions with Mexican nationals seeking refuge, please let us know and we will do everything we can.

Yours sincerely,

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