

We're pleased that Capri recently invested in Desserto—an innovative vegan cactus-leather company. Capri clearly understands that the future of fashion lies in animal-free and environmentally responsible materials that appeal to today's informed and socially conscious consumers. Given that Capri has pledged to do its part to make alternative, low-impact materials a reality for the fashion industry, the company must do more to uphold this pledge, starting with no longer sourcing exotic-animal skins.

From Texas to Indonesia, South Africa, Vietnam, and Zimbabwe, PETA U.S. and other PETA entities have exposed extreme cruelty to animals exploited in the global exotic-skins industry. Most recently, PETA Asia's *second* investigation in Indonesia revealed that workers bashed pythons in the head with a steel hammer, suspended and nailed them to a wooden bar, jammed hoses down their throats, and pumped them full of water until they swelled to nearly double their size. The snakes were then slit open from head to tail with a razor blade while they were likely still conscious and able to feel pain. **This is standard industry practice.**

Burberry, Chanel, Hugo Boss, Jil Sander, Victoria Beckham, Stella McCartney, and many other designers and brands don't support this cruelty—but Capri still does.

My question is this: When will Capri act to help stop this egregious cruelty by joining its peers and ending its sourcing of exotic skins?