



St George's Hill Lawn Tennis Club

24 August

Dear Mr Hill,

I'm writing on behalf of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) and our more than 1.2 million supporters in the UK. The reaction to the reported killing of 8 Canada geese at St George's Hill Lawn Tennis Club has made one thing clear: many members believe that birds' lives matter. We're therefore urging the club to reflect that compassion by removing chicken from its restaurant menus.

After all, geese and chickens are the same in all the ways that matter. Both are intelligent, sensitive individuals who feel pain and fear, form close social bonds, and value their lives. If the thought of geese being shot and killed causes such distress, surely, we should all also spare a thought for the billions of chickens who endure miserable conditions on farms before being sent to slaughter, where their throats will be cut, sometimes while fully conscious.

These geese deserved better, and so do chickens. No bird wants to die needlessly, regardless of whether they live beside a tennis court or on a farm.

With an ever-growing range of delicious vegan chicken products available, removing chicken from the menu would be a meaningful way for the club to respond to the concern and compassion that your members have shown and allow something positive to come from this upsetting episode. It would send a simple but powerful message: if birds' lives matter, that should include chickens, too.

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,

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