

Ministry of Agriculture

Prof. Davor Romic, PhD, Minister

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Dear Mr Romic

I feel obliged to contact you urged on the knowledge of possible annulment of lawful fur animal breeding inhibition.

In 2002 I took part in campaign against wearing fur brought by PETA, the world largest animal rights organization, which was in Croatia supported by Animal Friends Organization. On jumbo posters in Zagreb and Split there was my photo with family dog Buggy and the message I wanted to share: "If you would not wear your dog, do not wear fur at all".

In 2006 when I learned that The Law of fur animal breeding inhibition in Croatia was passed I was very proud that my native country legislated such praiseworthy act of law to be example to the whole world. Unfortunately, recently I found out that there is huge possibility in Croatia to permit chinchilla breeding for fur.

I am disappointed that in Croatia there is still going on misuse of the innocent animals with no possibility to defend themselves. Miserable life in cages and killing chinchillas or any other animals just for fur coat or garment decoration is shameful and unexcusable in 21st century. Today there are so many different materials available to protect us from cold without killing other beings.

I am shocked with the possibility in Croatia of breeding chinchillas or any other animals for fur and thus abandon the historically important inhibition of breeding animals for fur which is due to become legal in 2017.

I call upon Croatian public, legislator and politicians to oppose firmly against fur industry lobby and not to tolerate breeding and killing of chinchillas.

Respectfully,

Goran Visnjic