

WOODY HARRELSON

May 12, 2003

The Honorable Albert G. Huntington
Mayor of Madison
and
Madison City Council
and
Jefferson County Commission

Dear Mayor Huntington, Council Members, and Jefferson County Commissioners:

I was recently contacted by People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) about the cruel and outdated killing methods currently in place at Madison-Jefferson County animal shelter. I understand that nitrous oxide (laughing gas) is used for cats, a method altogether unheard of, and carbon monoxide poisoning for dogs, an antiquated method which can cause animals severe distress.

As a former resident of Hanover, Indiana, I urge you to see to it that Jefferson County's unwanted and homeless animals are afforded the least they deserve—a painless, peaceful, and dignified exit.

What I am told has been witnessed at the shelter is nothing that the rest of the world should associate with Jefferson County. I understand that last June, two live kittens who were supposed to have been killed were found inside a trash bag in the freezer—one barely moving, the other crying and crawling over other dead cats. This is completely unacceptable.

Mayor Huntington, Council, and Commission members, please, in accordance with basic national standards, implement lethal injection euthanasia for your county's lost, stray, and abandoned animals. The people at PETA stand ready to help.

Please contact PETA's director of domestic animal issues and abuse, Daphna Nachminovitch, at 757-622-7382, extension 1338, or via e-mail at DaphnaN@peta.org to discuss this matter further.

Thanks you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Woody Harrelson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Woody Harrelson