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Kyrgyzstan Ambassador – please direct urgently

FOR THE KIND AND URGENT ATTENTION

of Zhantoro Satybaldiyev Prime Minister of Kyrgyzstan

Dear Prime Minister

Re: 1st of May 2013 – Two Day Salborün hunting festival in Kyrgyzstan

I am writing on behalf of many concerned people around the world, who care about animal rights, and education that tells us animals are sentient beings. As you are aware, animal welfare is very important in many United Nations countries. We are all working for a more humane, evolved, civilized world. However, we are concerned about the level of cruelty in the above mentioned Festival. http://www.flickr.com/photos/46594663@N08/4358298669/in/photostream/

On the 1st of May 2013, the two day Salborün hunting festival in Kyrgyzstan, held on the northern shore of Lake Issyk Kul in the town of Cholpon-Ata, will culminate in an event where a live, restrained Wolf is mauled and maimed to death by either trained Falcons, Golden Eagles or Kyrgyzstani hunting Dogs, in a practice commonly known as Wolf Baiting. We are concerned that a live animal is also dragged along by a car, at the end. (See Photographs).

Celebrating cultural history is an important tradition for Kyrgyz hunters, but it should not be permitted at the expense of animal welfare. During celebratory festivals, live wolves are tied to posts and left to be attacked by trained hunting dogs and falcons while onlookers cheer and the victimized animal suffers for 48 hours. That is just the beginning. This blatant torture and abuse is not representative of hunting methods, but rather of dominance and power. Old resentments, projected onto the wolf. Such an act is not necessary for hunters to carry out in order to celebrate their nomadic past.

Festival goers also embrace the good things of the modern world e.g. technology and digital cameras to capture the event and put the photos on the internet. Filming it for **You tube**. Also in the photos, you only need to use your imagination - the abused wolf (at the end of the day) is tied to a car and dragged along, while still alive. In animal rights work we have seen this done to many

live animals and it is punishable in many countries, resulting in heavy prison sentences. We ask that no animals should be dragged by a car or a horse.

Please do not allow any live animals, to be dragged behind a vehicle or a horse to death.

The international community of animal rights, and animal lovers are urging you to stop the elements of extreme cruelty and abuse in the festival. To show more compassion towards animals, in line with the goals of UN Millennium Development Goals for a "fairer" and more "educated" world. Is it not so that the Kyrgyzstan hunter is a fair hunter who respects his quarry, or is it so that they are now showing that they are torturers of defenceless animals.

After all, the hunters and their friends already embrace modern technology of digital camera and internet and cars. We therefore ask that people let go of cruel and over the top barbaric traditions that have nothing to do with the United Nations Education Science Culture Agenda. It is nothing more than a culture of cruelty and is not part of humane or ethical hunting.

As a member of the United Nations we ask for your assistance, to stop the torture and barbarism of the old world, leave it where it belongs - in the old world. We are in 2013 not 1320. And people from your country have the ability to fly all over the world, educate themselves to Doctorate level and PhD Level and set up Embassies and sit around the UN Table debating important world wide issues.

2012 Declaration of Consciousness has confirmed animals are not just commodities. South Carolina America has recently banned "bear baiting". Thailand and Taiwan Governments have declared recent banns on dog meat (due to the associated cruelty). Taiwan has also stopped importing seal products due to the associated cruelty of harvesting them. America – dog fighting now a criminal offence. India has made illegal dancing bears. Please see the attached international petitions (end of document). We ask you to please end this inhumane act.

To act with kindness.

Thank you for your time.

Yours sincerely

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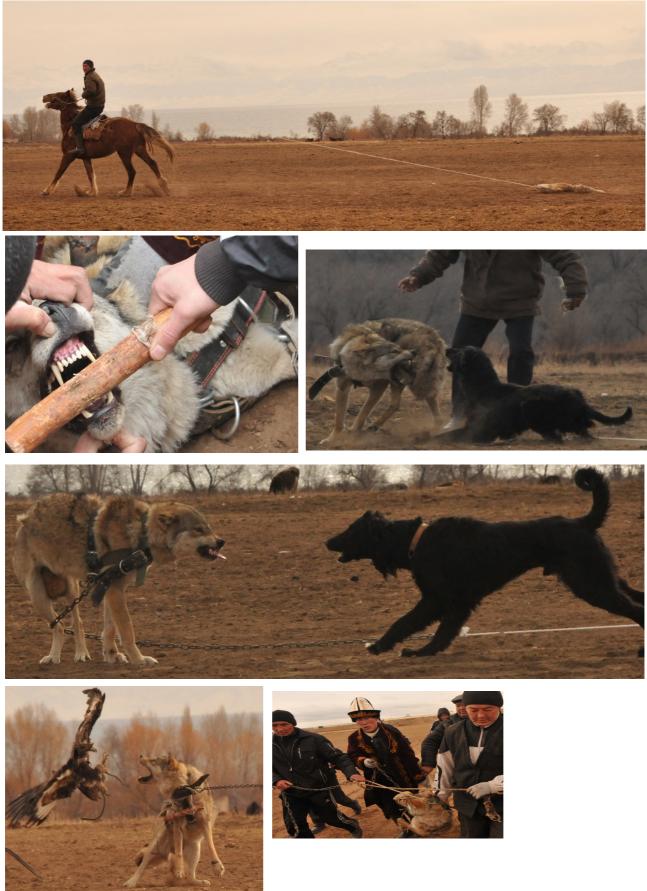
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On behalf of the international Animal Rights community, and all the people who signed the

petitions. Animal Welfare Exchange, Animal Cruelty Exposed, Fauna Police,



Still alive? To be dragged



by horse. That is not right. This is not in line with Millennium Goals UN.

The wolf, at the end, is still alive (4 men needed) so it must be alive. The wolf is clearly still alive in the picture above - the men taking it.

TIED TO THE CAR TO BE DRAGGED TO DEATH?



STILL ALIVE? This is not hunting. Please show "Ethical" and "humane" hunting instead



The international petitions – please go to these links to read all the names of signers. Screen shots of petitions on next page. The petitions are still active. You can visit them here:

http://forcechange.com/60111/end-wolf-baiting-in-kyrgyzstan/

http://www.thepetitionsite.com/787/248/711/wolf-baiting-shame-of-kyrgyzstan

Also, please watch this short documentary demonstrating the brutal practice of Wolf Baiting at the Salborün Festival.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=H8V4ZyNPxkI

Thank you for your time, and best wishes