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**DR. PAULINO ABAD**  
**Chairman**

Department of Agriculture – Committee on Animal Welfare

Dear **Dr. Abad**:

This has reference to the email letter of **LEX TALAMO** - Campaigns Staff/ Lady Freethinker ([campaigns@ladyfreethinker.org](mailto:campaigns@ladyfreethinker.org)) pertaining to **Petition Notice: Justice for Sick and Starving Animals at Filipino Zoos.**

In view of the above, may we suggest to the Committee on Animal Welfare to convene for a meeting to discuss the formulation of an issuance to address the above-mentioned concerns.

Looking forward to getting the Committee's input on this matter.

Very truly yours,

  
**DR. REILDRIN G. MORALES, MVPHMgt.**  
**Officer-in-Charge, Director**

cc:

**DR. WILLIAM D. DAR**  
Secretary, Department of Agriculture

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**Petition Notice: Justice for Sick and Starving Animals at Filipino Zoos**

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Fri, Jan 7, 2022 at 1:14 AM

To: "ahwd@bai.gov.ph" &lt;ahwd@bai.gov.ph&gt;, "da.bai.ahwd@gmail.com" &lt;da.bai.ahwd@gmail.com&gt;

Dear Department of Agriculture's Committee on Animal Welfare:

I'm writing to let you know that nonprofit organization Lady Freethinker has published a petition urging you to thoroughly investigate conditions at 5 popular Filipino zoos where our undercover investigator documented horrific conditions, including malnourished animals chained and used as tourist photo opportunities, animals in filthy and unsanitary enclosures, and animals exhibiting signs of extreme psychological stress. The zoos our investigator visited are Aylon Zoo, Lyger Sanctuary, Zoobic Safari, Zoori at Residence Inn, and Zoocolate Thrills.

We're also asking that you work with these zoos to immediately end tourist photo opportunities and "selfies" with big cats and other live animals and demand immediate and critical improvements — or relocations to reputable sanctuaries— of these suffering animals. This treatment is atrocious, and the world is outraged that you are allowing these conditions to continue. These animals have no more time for "gradual" improvement, as several have died already by the zoos' own admission.

The petition has now been signed by 38,117 people. You can view the petition at this link: <https://ladyfreethinker.org/sign-justice-for-sick-and-starving-animals-forced-to-pose-for-selfies-at-5-horrific-philippines-zoos/>

All of these people care deeply about stopping cruelty and hope that you will do all you can to protect animals from abuse.

We know that the Philippines is making strides each year to treat animal welfare more seriously and we would love to highlight any developments for our readers; please do keep us in the loop as this situation unfolds.

Sincerely,

Lex Talamo

Campaigns Staff/ Lady Freethinker

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