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A Tail to Tell, Inc.
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Dear A Tail to Tell, Inc.,

As residents of South Central Pennsylvania, we are writing to encourage A Tail to Tell, Inc. adopt an animal-friendly menu policy for your shelter-sponsored fundraisers and events.

We believe that an animal-friendly menu policy, one that is entirely vegan or vegetarian, would best highlight and support your shelter's core mission. Such a policy would promote delicious and creative plant-based menu items and eliminate the needless suffering of countless fish, chickens, pigs, cows, and other farmed animals who matter just as much as the companion animals your organization is dedicated to helping.

Animal agriculture is known for its cruel practices that exploit animals and workers at the cost of the environment and public health. Animals farmed for profit are forced to endure painful mutilations, social deprivation, violation of their reproductive freedom, and slaughter. They are forced to live in unimaginable conditions, in tightly packed cages, pens, and sheds with little to no sanitation - conditions more harmful and less regulated than in any puppy mill or hoarding situation. Labels such as Cage Free, Free Range, and Certified Humane may ease consumer concerns, but even on smaller operations farmed animals are not treated as individuals deserving of respect. These animals endure similarly miserable lives and end up at the same slaughterhouses.

Over 170 SPCAs, Humane Societies, rescues, and sanctuaries have already adopted policies that take animals off the menu at their sponsored fundraisers and events. These nonprofits have made the commitment to respect all animals in partnership with Food for Thought, an international campaign organized by the Animal Place farm sanctuary in Northern California. Food for Thought works with shelters and other animal nonprofits to craft or modify formal menu policies that are both compassionate and mission-driven. Adopting a vegan menu policy means that shelters don't have to sacrifice the lives of farmed animals to help those companion animals in their care.

We are happy to send along additional information to help A Tail to Tell, Inc. consider a more animal-friendly menu policy. You are welcome to contact us, via email or phone, to answer any questions or concerns you may have about making the transition while maintaining the high standards of your organization. Deva Holub, the Chesapeake coordinator for the Food for Thought program, will guide you when you are ready to make an official policy change. Please feel free to reach out to her as well for any reason. You are doing a tremendous service to companion animals of York County and it is greatly appreciated.

Warm regards,
Animal Advocates of South Central Pennsylvania