

4 February 2025

His Excellency Kyriakos Mitsotakis  
Prime Minister of Greece  
Maximos Mansion  
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**Re: Urgent appeal for animal welfare measures amidst seismic activity**

Your Excellency,

I'm writing on behalf of PETA Germany to express our deep concern regarding the welfare of animals on Santorini amidst the current seismic activity.

The significant increase in seismic events has already led to widespread evacuations and heightened alertness among residents and authorities. Given these developments, we urgently call for the immediate suspension of all donkey rides on the island, if this has not yet been implemented. The ongoing seismic activity poses a serious threat to both humans and animals. Donkeys and mules, already subjected to strenuous working conditions, now face additional dangers from potential landslides, collapsing infrastructure, and unstable terrain.

Beyond this immediate measure, we strongly urge the implementation of comprehensive safeguards to ensure the safety and well-being of all animals on Santorini during this critical period. This includes providing secure shelter, ensuring access to adequate food and water supplies, and offering necessary veterinary care to prevent additional suffering and distress.

We appreciate your attention to this urgent matter and trust that appropriate measures will be taken promptly. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Yours sincerely,



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Vice President  
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