

The Honorable Señora Dña. Yolanda Barcina Angulo
Alcaldesa-Presidenta
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Dear Sra. Angulo,

I was recently contacted by People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) concerning Pamplona's traditional Running of the Bulls and an idea that I hope will be of interest to you. You may have seen the runners last July, as they raced down the streets to rally support for a new run that involves only willing human participants. Would you please consider putting a stop to animal torture by adopting this event, the "Human Race", in place of the Running of the Bulls?

Most of the tourists who visit Pamplona and attend the bull run have no idea of the animal suffering involved or the ultimate fate of the bulls. The terrified animals are sent racing through streets crawling with drinking, brawling spectators. The bulls' hooves slip on the pavement as they frantically try to escape the chaos. Sometimes, in their confusion, they bash into doors or the sides of buildings, breaking their horns or legs. Human runners and spectators gouge them with sticks or pull their tails, and they, too, are sometimes injured, gored or trampled by bulls desperate to escape. What awaits the bulls that evening in the bullring is even more gut-wrenching. Having repeatedly stabbed and bled the bulls in order to weaken them, the bullfighters then sever the bulls' spines while the animals are still conscious.

Many tourists leave Pamplona vowing never to return again. People are horrified when they learn that their money contributes to death by torture of these magnificent creatures. Nowadays, even the majority of Spaniards are opposed to bullfights.

Pamplona is a beautiful city that many more people would love to visit if this violent event were superseded by a joyous one of willing participants, i.e., the Human Race.

Thank you so much for your consideration. If you have any questions, please contact me via PETA's Yvonne Taylor on 00 44 207 357 9339, extension 405.

Respectfully yours,



Sally Gunnell