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TO THE CATALAN PARLIAMENT

As a vet practising in I support my colleagues in Spain, where a Veterinary Ethics Oath ^(*) does not exist, probably due to the effect of bull-fighting and related 'fiestas' on Spanish society. While these traditions are legally preserved and promoted, some veterinarians, like lawyers, physicians, journalists, singers and members of royalty, not only take part but even enjoy such cruel shows. Through my commitment to using my scientific knowledge and ability to benefit society by relieving animals' suffering and protecting animal and public health, I therefore **DEMAND** the following:

- That the practice of setting fire to a bulls' horns (**'fire bulls'**, *'toros de fuego'* or *'bous embolats'*), dragging them by a crowd with ropes on their horns (**'bulls on a rope'**, *'toros ensogados'* or *'capllaçats'*), and any other similar act of cruelty as a form of public entertainment **be banned in Catalonia**, as it is in the majority of autonomous regions of Spain. These acts should be prohibited as they are intrinsically cruel, provoking animals' psychological and physical suffering for mere public amusement in contravention of Catalan Animal Protection Law 22/2003 that is in place to protect the physical and psychological sensitivity of all animals. It also specifically prohibits the harming of bulls during legal traditions of **'correbous'** (crowds of people running in front of several bulls) (Art 6.2b).

NAME AND SURNAME	ID/PASSPORT #	CITY – DVM Registration #	SIGNATURE

(*)Veterinarian's Oath (AVMA, USA)

Being admitted to the profession of veterinary medicine, I solemnly swear to use my scientific knowledge and skills for the benefit of society through the protection of animal health, the relief of animal suffering, the conservation of animal resources, the promotion of public health, and the advancement of medical knowledge.

I will practice my profession conscientiously, with dignity, and in keeping with the principles of veterinary medical ethics.

I accept as a lifelong obligation the continual improvement of my professional knowledge and competence.