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To Animal Concern, ACAL and SOSF supporters.

I've been meaning to write to you for the last two or three weeks but things have been hectic as usual and I just haven't had a chance to tell you what I've been doing and what I hope some of you can do to back me up on some of our campaigns. In fact I've just remembered I have got to go somewhere this afternoon and, as I've not had any sleep for 24hrs, I am going to have to have a few hours shut-eye and the full content of this e-mail is going to have to wait until later.

Main reason for writing today is to let you know that one of our campaigns should be featured on ITV national news either this evening (6.30pm and/or 10pm) or tomorrow, Friday the 9th. It's about seal shooting in Scotland and is one of those things that isn't date sensitive so it could be postponed if a big story breaks or someone at the Tory Party Conference says something even dafter than they said yesterday.

Reporter Chris Choi did some filming up in Shetland after the Scottish Government was forced by the Freedom of Information Commissionaire to comply with a GAAIA request and release information showing that some salmon farms there shot more seals than most other farms. Turns out that Marks and Spencer salmon suppliers have killed more seals than most of their competitors. Of course these figures come from honest box style returns from the shooters. Large pinch of salt required perhaps?

We have had a couple of minor successes recently including some major salmon farm companies finally agreeing to put proper predator exclusion nets around their Scottish farms. I once again asked the RSPCA to make these predator exclusion nets compulsory at Freedom Food endorsed farms but I was dismayed when they issued updated rules which still allow RSPCA endorsed salmon farmers to shoot seals as a last resort. How can shooting be a last resort if the farm does not use predator exclusion nets? I'm hoping this will be raised in the ITV news report and, if it is, I hope you will write to the RSPCA telling them you watched the report and asking them to immediately make predator exclusion nets compulsory at all Freedom Food fish farms.

A version of the ITV report may also be broadcast by NBC in the USA where we are lobbying for a ban on the importation of salmon from farms without predator exclusion nets. I'll be asking our supporters in the USA to help with that.

Anyway I'm finding it hard to stay awake so, to avoid any typing errors, I'm off to my bed for a few hours.

If you go to the [News](#) section of the Animal Concern website you will find info on some of our recent campaign work. In the last month I've been dealing with lamb welfare, cloning experiments, panda cloning, dodgy Government advisors, scary gunmen and mealy-mouthed Ministers.

I'll get back to you in a few days with info on how you can help.

Cheers 4 now,

John

PS I've had reports that e-mails sent to me have been bounced back as undeliverable. If that has happened to you please let me know by replying to this e-mail. If that bounces back phone or snail-mail me.