

CHRISSIE HYNDE

June 15, 2004

Honorable Sra. Dña. Yolanda Barcina Angulo
Alcaldesa-Presidenta
Ayuntamiento de Pamplona
Plaza Consistorial
31001 Pamplona
Spain

Dear Alcalde Barcina Angulo:

I am writing in support of turning the barbaric “Running of the Bulls” event into a joyful, all-volunteer, humans-only run—a “Human Race.”

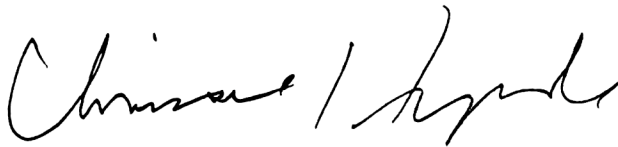
I was shocked to learn from my friends at People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) that the bulls who are stampeded through the streets of Pamplona during the day are then tormented and slaughtered in the ring at night. This is medieval—not an activity that belongs in the 21st century.

Bulls “fought” in bullfights are treated like animated garbage, deliberately weakened with laxatives and beatings outside the ring before being teased, tortured, and stabbed to death in front of a screaming crowd.

Tradition has never justified cruelty to animals. Won’t Pamplona follow the lead of Barcelona, Calonge, Tossa de Mar, Vilamacolum, La Vajol, and the Canary Islands in banning bullfighting, a move that has won these cities international acclaim and respect?

With a “Human Race,” everyone wins. Having only willing participants makes it an event that everyone can take pride in and enjoy. Please let me know that you will end Pamplona’s involvement in blood sports by contacting William Rivas-Rivas at PETA via phone at 757-622-7382.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chrissie Hynde". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Chrissie" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Hynde".

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