

Dear Rob,

We at PETA would like to thank you for making clear in Halloween that people who commit acts of cruelty to animals are likely to move on to humans. Although many moviegoers wince during the early scenes in which the young Michael Myers mutilates animals, the film follows up perfectly by having the school counselor character articulate how animal abuse is often the first step to becoming a maniac.

As you know, incidents like this are not as infrequent as many people would like to believe. Many of the most infamous killers of our time “practiced” on animals. The Boston Strangler reported that, in his youth, he trapped dogs and cats in crates and then shot arrows into them. Carroll Edward Cole, executed in 1985 for five of the 35 murders that he was accused of, said his first act of violence was the strangulation of a puppy. Jeffrey Dahmer confessed to the childhood killings of neighbors’ dogs and cats. Richard Allen Davis, the man charged with abducting Polly Klaas from her bedroom and murdering her, reportedly set cats on fire and used dogs as targets to practice knife-throwing.

Hopefully, with the attention focused by your movie on the link between cruelty to animals and human violence, more people will recognize the warning signs among people they know and deal with them more forcefully. We wish you continued success!

Sincerely,

Dan Mathews
Vice President
PETA



PETA

PEOPLE FOR THE ETHICAL
TREATMENT OF ANIMALS

501 FRONT ST.
NORFOLK, VA 23510
757-622-PETA
757-622-0457 (FAX)

PETA.org
Info@peta.org

AN INTERNATIONAL
ORGANIZATION DEDICATED
TO PROTECTING
THE RIGHTS OF ALL ANIMALS