

Excerpts From Expert Witness Statements in Support of PETA's Complaint to the Camden County District Attorney, June 24, 2004

Dr. Peggy Larson, D.V.M., M.S. (Animal Pathology), J.D.

- “Cadavers would be just as effective for showing bullet penetration and bullet disintegration. The tissue damage seen at autopsy would have been no different in cadavers. Live animals were not necessary.”
- “It certainly was obvious to me that there were no pain medications given to these animals before they were shot”
- “Testing these bullets on live hogs caused extreme suffering which was totally unnecessary. ... As an attorney who lives in a state with a felony cruelty law, I believe that the Le Mas company parties would be prosecuted for animal cruelty here.”

Dr. Richard Joseph, D.V.M., D.A.C.V.I.M. (Neurology), Animal MR

- “I have ... found [the video] to be nothing more than a gratuitous exercise in cruelty, especially because the destructive force of the bullets depicted in the video was effectively demonstrated on armor siding, body armor, bulletproof glass and ballistic gelatin/clay.”
- “[H]aving decided to include the use of pigs in its promotional video, Le Mas Ltd should have rendered the animals unconscious before shooting them. ... [L]ive animals used by the military to train medics are at least anesthetized, thereby sparing them the agony and fear that is associated with being shot.”
- “All of the pigs in the Le Mas Ltd tape are fully conscious [O]nce struck the pigs leap into the air and/or writhe upon the ground in obvious terror and pain. Even those pigs that immediately fall to the ground are, in my opinion, in pain and distress.”
- “I believe that the pigs ... were maliciously and methodically maimed, mutilated and killed and that those responsible should be charged with cruelty-to-animals and prosecuted to the fullest extent available under the law.”

Dr. Nicholas Dodman, Professor of Clinical Sciences, Tufts University; Director of the Animal Behavior Clinic, Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicine; Head of Veterinary Anesthesiology, 1981-1993, Tufts University

- “Only about two of the pigs died reasonably quickly, sinking to their haunches and then rolling into lateral recumbency within a matter of 5 or 10 seconds. The remainder thrashed, screamed and/or tried to escape for what seemed like an interminable age. Death for them was by no means immediate and was accompanied by what I can only imagine would be excruciating pain and inconceivable stress.”
- “Ballistic gel is a perfectly satisfactory alternative for testing projectiles.”

Dr. Wendy Jensen, D.V.M., Jensen Veterinary Practice

- “I am horrified at the depicted cruelty. The pigs are grievously injured without benefit of anesthesia. ... These animals suffer immensely before they die, vocalizing their intense fear and pain before finally drowning from massive internal bleeding.”
- “Humane euthanasia, as defined by the American Veterinary Medical Association, is death caused instantaneously, or if that is not possible, then preceded by

unconsciousness and complete insensitivity to pain. These animals clearly suffered excruciating pain and intense fear before dying, struggling desperately to free themselves.”

- “I recommend that the people responsible for this videotape be charged with cruelty to animals, to the fullest extent of the law.”