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Dear Dr. Stone,

### **Ending Live Terminal Surgeries**

I understand that as of June 1, 2010, no lost pets (impounded animals) will be used at the University of Guelph, including the Ontario Veterinary College. We thank you for stopping this practice. However, I am writing to urge you to stop using all live animal terminal surgeries to train your veterinary students.

I urge you to follow the lead of well known veterinary colleges such as Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicine and the University of California, Davis, School of Veterinary Medicine. These veterinary schools have ended terminal surgeries as part of their required curricula.

Just recently, the College of Veterinary Medicine at Michigan State University decided not to require terminal surgery labs to teach veterinary students, replacing the labs with sophisticated computer models, animal cadavers, and an increased number of spay and neuter operations which benefit animals at shelters.

I urge you to follow their example and establish veterinary student training through computer modeling, ethically procured cadavers, hands on experience through your new community veterinary clinic, and by offering increased services to the local area shelters to assist with sterilization and treatment of animals who are sick and in need of veterinary care.

Sincerely,

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Signature

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