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Last Chance for Animals Undercover Investigation at Ontario Mink Fur Farm Leads to 14 Counts of Animal Cruelty

LOS ANGELES, May 11, 2018 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- International animal rights organization <u>Last Chance for Animals</u> (LCA) today released video and photo evidence documenting disturbing accounts of animal neglect at Millbank Fur Farm Ltd., in Ontario, Canada. The investigation, which began in 2017 and spanned one year, is the first in-depth undercover probe of a farm that produces pelts for the Canadian fur industry. In Canada, more than three million animals are killed annually for their fur.

The footage captured in LCA's investigation reveals numerous incidents of animal suffering and neglect, among the 40,000 mink that live, and die, on the farm. According to LCA Founder and President Chris DeRose, who narrates the video exposé, the footage shows "a blatant disregard for the animals' health... and their endless suffering."

In addition to clear incidents of animal suffering, the evidence shows animals with open, untreated wounds and infections, and documents a lack of adequate and sanitary mink shelters and food. During the course of the investigation, LCA's investigator never saw a veterinarian on site.

A formal complaint with video evidence requesting further investigation was submitted to the Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (OSPCA). In a <u>public statement released today</u>, the OSPCA announced that a southwestern Ontario mink farm has been charged with 14 counts of animal cruelty.

"As is the case with many industries that exploit animals, there is little oversight and few laws that protect animals," said Hayden Hunter, LCA Director of Investigations. "We want the world to know about the cruelty involved in the fur industry."

Investigation details and video are available at http://lcanimal.org/millbank. Photographs are available at http://bit.ly/2p6ekdl. B-roll is available upon request to Arron Neal at arron@arprla.com.

For more information and details on how to advocate for fur-bearing animals, visit http://lcanimal.org/millbank.

About Last Chance for Animals (LCA):

LCA is an international non-profit organization dedicated to eliminating animal exploitation through education, investigations, legislation and public awareness campaigns. Since its formation in 1984, LCA has succeeded as a pioneer animal advocacy organization. LCA's Special Investigations Unit documents abuse in research labs, puppy mills, factory farms, and the entertainment industry, and works with prosecutors to enforce animal cruelty laws. www.lcanimal.org I Facebook | Twitter | YouTube

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Attachments:



Last Chance for Animals captured filthy conditions at the Millbank Fur Farm.



A mink at the Millbank Fur Farm looks through the bars of her cage.

Last Chance for Animals Video Expose at Millbank Fur Farm in Ontario, Canada