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HE Mr Kyriakos Mitsotakis
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Dear Prime Minister,

I am appealing to your office to intervene in a matter that is far more easily resolvable than most you have on your plate, but vitally important to all of us who hold Greece dear, and to all Greek citizens who want your country to be well regarded.

I was appalled to see the horrific abuse that donkeys and mules still endure on the beautiful island of Santorini. The footage just released by my friends at PETA, taken last summer, shows that the animals who slog uphill from the boats, carrying tourists on their backs all the way, continue to be severely neglected and suffer extremely. As someone who has recently rescued six donkeys and experiences their dear, gentle nature every day, this is especially heart breaking for me.

These animals are forced to lumber up the winding, stone steps repeatedly, even when they are injured or sick, and are goaded on with sticks. While their touts wait for customers, they are denied their most basic needs, including adequate shelter from the burning sun, and water. They are also equipped with ill-fitting or makeshift gear which causes chafing sores and other injuries. Times have changed since villagers had no other option but to walk or take a donkey, and while other countries have abandoned once-normal uses of animals that cause distress, Santorini is still treating these intelligent and friendly animals as unfeeling machines. The few laws that exist to protect them are going unenforced.

Please direct someone to end this cruelty on Santorini by banning donkey tourist transport right away. I look forward to your action in this matter.

Most respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anjelica Huston', written in a cursive style.

Anjelica Huston