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Last Chance for Animals Releases Investigation Exposing Animal Abuse, Horrific Conditions at Italian Pig Farms that Breed Pigs for Prosciutto di Parma

*Investigation released by international animal rights organization spotlighted
by major Italian TV network*

LOS ANGELES—June 6, 2023 – [Last Chance for Animals](#) (LCA), an international animal rights group, exposed animal abuse and horrific, unsanitary conditions at three pig farms, totaling 34,000 pigs, located in north-central Italy that breed pigs destined for Prosciutto di Parma. [Footage](#) released by LCA shows workers throwing pigs and dragging pigs by their legs, dead pigs piled in a non-working refrigerator and pigs eating dead pigs.

The disturbing conditions exposed by LCA were spotlighted by Italian journalist Giulia Innocenzi in a report that aired on RAI Italy.

“Prosciutto di Parma is popular around the world because consumers are being led to believe that it is produced using the highest-quality standards. This footage should be a wake-up call to anyone considering buying it,” said Chris DeRose, President, and Founder of LCA. “This is an international scandal that harms animals and deceives the public. The footage clearly shows a lack of controls and enforcement of animal welfare regulations and exposes mistreatment of animals. We are releasing this footage as someone needs to speak up for these pigs.”

The U.S. is the biggest importer of Prosciutto di Parma, importing over 11 million pounds in 2021. The farms exposed in this investigation are authorized by an independent agency to breed and supply meat for Prosciutto di Parma. Yet, many of these pigs have untreated sores or are sick and being left to die. The conditions are so brutal that live pigs are sharing overcrowded pens with discarded dead pigs. These pens are infested with cockroaches and rats, with pigs often eating rats that have been poisoned.

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ABOUT LAST CHANCE FOR ANIMALS:

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 one of the nation's pioneer animal advocacy groups. LCA's educational and public outreach programs have empowered the public to make positive changes for animals in their communities. For more information, visit <https://lcanimal.org>