

To: Their Royal Highnesses Princes William & Harry c/o Miguel Head
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Via email

Your Royal Highnesses:

There is no honour in buying birds and reducing them, as if they were clay pigeons, to shooting targets. Those who aren't killed outright are often dispatched by having their necks wrung, which does not cause an instant or painless death.

You are in the unique position of being able to wield considerable influence on whether people everywhere view animals and their place in our world with kindness or blithely ignore their suffering. Please open your hearts to the suffering of birds casually used as skeet, and make the compassionate decision not to kill for fun. By cancelling your planned "day's sport" in favour of a more enlightened, fitting and humane pursuit, you will win hearts and commendations by sparing hundreds of birds a terrifying end and making it clear that the monarchy is in tune with the social movement against cruelty to animals.

Compassionate people everywhere are looking to you both to set the right example.

Respectfully yours,

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