

DEAR SANTA,

MY GREATEST WISH HAS ALREADY BEEN GRANTED! SEVERAL MONTHS AGO I ACQUIRED A LADY FRIEND MY OWN SIZE. SWEET POTATO AND I ARE TINY, FUZZY, AND ADORABLE. WE LOVE GOING OUT IN THE Paddock TOGETHER, PLAYING CHASE GAMES, AND SOMETIMES MAKING THE HUMANS WORK HARD TO CAPTURE US. FOR CHRISTMAS, THERE ARE SOME SMALL THINGS MY FRIENDS AND I COULD USE. WHEN THE BUGS ARE BITING, WE WEAR FLY MASKS TO PROTECT OUR EYES AND OUR EARS WHEN WE GO OUTDOORS.



THEY ARE MADE OF MESH SO THAT WE CAN SEE RIGHT THROUGH. I NEED ONE FOR MYSELF AND SOME OF MY BIGGER FRIENDS ALSO NEED THEIRS REPLACED (THEY TAKE A LOT OF ABUSE WHEN WE PLAY!) IF YOU ARE KIND ENOUGH TO BRING ME A NEW FLY MASK, I PROMISE NOT TO LET MOUSE YANK IT OFF AND RUN AROUND CARRYING IT IN HIS MOUTH.

WHENEVER IT'S IMPORTANT THAT MY COLLEAGUES AND I BE SPARKLING CLEAN, WE GET BATHED IN ORVUS SHAMPOO. IT WORKS ESPECIALLY WELL FOR KEEPING MY WHITE PARTS WHITE! IF YOU WOULD BRING US SOME, WE'LL BE LOOKING OUR BEST ALL YEAR LONG.

MOST IMPORTANTLY, THE HUMANS WHO MAKE SURE WE LIVE IN THE LAP OF LUXURY HAVE SET UP A "GIVING TREE" AT THE FARM. APPARENTLY THEY ARE SEEKING MONETARY DONATIONS TO PAY FOR ALL THE STUFF WE NEED ON A REGULAR BASIS. THEY SAY HAY, FOOD, TREATS, PEDICURE APPOINTMENTS AND VISITS FROM THE LADY WHO PUTS NEEDLES IN OUR NECKS COSTS A LOT OF MONEY. THE HERD WOULD BE THANKFUL FOR YOUR SUPPORT SO WE CAN KEEP ON LIVING THE LIFE OF RILEY AT THE BEAUTIFUL PLACE WE CALL OUR HOME.

DESPITE MY NAME I HAVE BEEN A VERY GOOD BOY THIS YEAR,

ALCAPONY (AND MY GIRLFRIEND SWEET POTATO)