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Breaking! ARM's Latest Undercover Investigation Exposes Extreme Animal Cruelty At Mary's Ranch, Matador Cabrera Slaughterhouse In South Florida

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Today, [Animal Recovery Mission \(ARM\)](#) released findings from its latest undercover investigation, [Operation Mary's Ranch, Matadero Cabrera](#). Owned and operated by Rodolfo Cabrera for more than 43 years, [Mary's Ranch, Matadero Cabrera Slaughterhouse](#) is known for its live animal markets where live animals, including goats, lambs, cows, chickens, and pigs, are sold to customers who wait while the poor animals are barbarically killed and butchered for their meat.

As explained in a press conference held this morning, an ARM undercover operative was hired as a meat processor at the South Florida-based slaughterhouse, which is the only [USDA federal slaughter operation](#) in the area.

USDA appointed inspectors and federal veterinarians are stationed on-site to reportedly oversee, mandate, and regulate food safety requirements, as well as the treatment of animals when the animals are sold and slaughtered for human consumption.

However, ARM's investigation, which included the first unannounced inspection of the facility, unveiled felony violations involving animal abuse, torture, inhumane handling of animals, and selling of unadulterated meat, as well as incriminating evidence of the gross misconduct of the [Humane Slaughter Act of the United States](#).

The evidence made it clear that Cabrera is a threat to both animal and public safety.

Some of the violations observed by ARM's undercover investigator included, but are not limited to:

- **PROLONGED TORTURE** – Untrained workers killed cows using captive bolt guns with improper techniques. Horrifically, ARM documented multiple occasions where seven to eight attempts were made before the animals were knocked down, which is a felony criminal act. Void of using any stunning methods, the animals were subsequently stabbed to death.
- **ANIMALS DROWNED ALIVE IN BOILING WATER** – Pigs were not stunned in alignment with the USDA Humane Slaughter Act. Inadequate voltages were also used to electrocute the animals who were stabbed and thrown into vats of boiling water while alive and conscious.
- **CUSTOMERS PARTICIPATING IN THE KILLING PROCESS** – ARM documented workers taking random customers onto the killing floors and handing them loaded bolt guns to partake in the killing process for non-religious reasons. The animals suffered immensely.
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These serious violations and criminal acts occurred in the presence of USDA inspectors, veterinarians, and local law enforcement officers. No interception was ever witnessed by ARM.

“Crimes against these innocent animals have been happening for decades at this house of horrors, with the knowledge of USDA inspectors and law enforcement alike. It is shocking that it took a small charity to go undercover to bring to light the extreme violations occurring at the Mary's Ranch, Matador Cabrera Slaughterhouse,” said ARM Founder, Richard “Kudo” Couto.

Together, we can bring justice to the millions of animals being brutally butchered at Cabrera's.

Please sign ARM's urgent petition to the USDA Food Safety and Inspection Service: we won't accept this injustice any longer. We demand that these animal killers are held accountable for their inhumane treatment of animals. [SIGN HERE!](#)

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