Martin Clunes Urges Police To Stop The 'cat Ripper Of Croydon'

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***Doc Martin* Star Writes Letter on PETA's Behalf Asking The Met to Check All CCTV Footage – for the 'Safety of the Entire Community'**

London – With dozens of cats slaughtered in the last two years by the so-called "Cat Ripper of Croydon", actor **Martin Clunes** – star of *Doc Martin*, *Men Behaving Badly*, and *Shakespeare in Love* – fired off a letter on PETA's behalf this morning asking The Met to take every measure necessary to find the killer, including re-examining all available CCTV footage.

"As someone who shares my home with several four-legged companions, I read with horror that some of the cats had been decapitated or dismembered – this is the stuff of nightmares", writes Clunes, who went to school in Croydon. "The local community is understandably distraught and frightened. No one feels safe while this sick individual is on the loose."

Clunes goes on to note that mental-health professionals and top law-enforcement officials consider animal abuse to be a red flag indicating a deep mental disturbance. "Research in psychology and criminology shows that people who commit acts of cruelty to animals don't stop there – many of them move on to their fellow humans", writes Clunes. "That is a scary thought indeed."

PETA – whose motto reads, in part, that "animals are not ours to abuse in any way" – has offered a £5,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the perpetrator. Anyone with information about the case is encouraged to contact the RSPCA on 0300 1234 999

Martin Clunes' letter is available here. For more information, please visit **PETA.org.uk**.

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