PAMELA ANDERSON GIFTS MELANIA TRUMP A LUXURY, CUSTOM-MADE RUSSIAN FAUX-FUR COAT

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PETA Ambassador Sends Heartfelt Message to US First Lady

London – Pamela Anderson has sent Melania Trump a one-of-a-kind thank-you gift for the first lady's fur-free look at the presidential inauguration: a faux "eco-fur" coat that Anderson custom-designed for her with Russian faux-fur manufacturer Only Me.

"Amid all the mania at the inauguration, you looked stunning in an outfit by Ralph Lauren – one of many fur-free designers", Anderson wrote in a letter to Trump. "I am *so* happy that you chose not to wear fur! As first lady, you will help set style trends, and by remaining compassionate with your choices, you will warm the hearts of many."

Anderson's animal rights activism in Russia dates back to 2009, when she first wrote to then–Prime Minister Vladimir Putin to thank him for banning the slaughter of baby harp seals. In 2011, she worked with PETA US – whose motto reads, in part, that "animals are not ours to wear" – to persuade Russia, which had previously imported 90 per cent of her native Canada's baby-seal pelts, to ban these importations.

In 2016, the blonde icon was named PETA's Person of the Year for her efforts to encourage vegan eating and for speaking out against the use of wild animals in circuses, among many other actions for animals. She's been recognised by *Vogue* for her uncompromising balance of style and ethics, and last month, she was announced as the face of the spring/summer 2017 campaign from Andreas Kronthaler for Vivienne Westwood – one of many British fur-free designers.

Her full letter to the first lady is available here. For more information, please visit PETA.org.uk.

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