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# VALENTINE STORIES



STAND UP FUR. WHAT'S RIGHT: Peta models Mike Evans, Lucy Evangelista, Leslie Graham and Noemie Ventura yesterday.

## We cannot bare animal cruelty

THESE models have not fur-gotten to put something on - they were braving the cold yesterday to highlight the suffering of animals killed for their coats. The Style Academy group, including ex-Miss UK Lucy Evangelista, staged their protest in Dublin city centre as part of a campaign by Peta (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals). They want to get across the message that a fur coat is not an acceptable gift for your Valentine - and are furious that animal skins are back on the catwalks

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and are even appearing in Dublin shops. Lucy said: "I'll gladly show some of my skin if it will help save animals skin. "Compassion is a big turn-on, but fur-wearers leave me cold." A Peta spokesman said: "Animals trapped for fur suffer excruciating pain, often for days, before having their chests stamped on or their necks broken. On fur farms, animals spend their lives

in tiny, filthy cages, where they often go insane before being killed by poisoning, anal electrocution or neck-breaking." Meanwhile, across Dublin another animal rights group staged a demo outside the Chinese Embassy. It is the world's top fur exporter, with 80 per cent of animals slaughtered there - including two millions cats and dogs. China has no regulations on fur farms and an undercover investigation revealed "foxes and raccoon dogs panting and blinking as they were skinned alive".