



## **Los Angeles Dodgers' Players Visit Gentle Barn** **Top Athletes rally to help create a Gentle Barn in St. Louis!**

SANTA CLARITA, Calif. May 24, 2017 - The Gentle Barn Foundation is excited to announce the addition of athletes and celebrities in support of The Gentle Barn opening its third location in St. Louis, MO.

David Backes, center for the Boston Bruins, and his wife, Kelly, alerted The Gentle Barn about the six cows who recently escaped from a slaughterhouse in St. Louis, MO, and have supported The Gentle Barn's campaign from the start. "We still have a lot of work to do," says Backes, "All those involved would love your support. Please visit <https://www.gofundme.com/gentlebarnstlouis> to help start the new Gentle Barn in St. Louis."



Now joining them is Alex Pietrangelo, team captain and defenseman for The St. Louis Blues, with a signed hockey stick. Dodgers' pitchers Clayton Kershaw, Brandon McCarthy, Chris Hatcher, and Rich Hill, who serendipitously will be playing the St. Louis Cardinals over the next week, came out to The Gentle Barn and signed baseballs to support the campaign.

"With this star-studded campaign, and the support of our Gentle Barn fans, I know we'll succeed in creating a Gentle Barn in St. Louis," says Ellie Laks, Founder of The Gentle Barn Foundation, "We will rescue many more animals in the future who will serve the community as part of our programs for inner city, at-risk, and special needs children. We are so excited and cannot wait!"

### **ABOUT THE GENTLE BARN | [www.gentlebarn.org](http://www.gentlebarn.org)**

The Gentle Barn is a national nonprofit organization, founded in 1999 as a safe haven and place of recovery for severely abused animals. The Gentle Barn offers their unique philosophy of rehabilitating animals and connecting their stories of survival and healing to the personal experiences of inner city, at-risk and special needs children who have suffered physical, mental or emotional trauma. By interacting with The Gentle Barn's approximate one hundred and fifty animals and taking a hands-on role in their welfare, those who participate in the programs at The Gentle Barn learn empathy, trust and forgiveness. The Gentle Barn is supported by many celebrities, including Ellen Degeneres, Portia de Rossi, Daisy Fuentes, Richard Marx, Jenna Dewan-Tatum, Channing Tatum, Steve-O, Rikki Rockett, Pamela Anderson and Hilary Swank.