

Chain Letter Affirmation

NOW EVERYONE SAY IT WITH ME:

I won't get bad luck, lose my friends, lose my mailing lists, or have my e-mail account terminated if I don't e-mail this message to anyone. Bill Gates is NOT going to send me money, Victoria's Secret doesn't know anything about a gift certificate they're supposed to send me and Ford will not give me a 50% discount even if I HAVE forwarded my e-mail to more than 50 people. I will NEVER receive gift certificates, coupons or freebies from Coke Cola, Cracker Barrel, or Old Navy if I send this to ten people who don't know who the hell I am anyway. There is NO SUCH THING as an e-mail tracker, and I am not STUPID enough to think that someone will send me \$100 for forwarding this to a bunch of people in my address book.

My disk drive will not explode if I refuse to forward this chain letter. I will not have catastrophic bad luck for breaking the distribution rule. No one will die a horrible death if I just delete the message.

There is no kid named Craig Shergold with brain cancer collecting postcards – or anything. He did when he was nine years old, in 1989. He is now cancer free and DOESN'T WANT ANYMORE POSTCARDS, CALLING CARDS OR GET WELL CARDS! And the Make A Wish Foundation had to MOVE because one variation of this message deluged them with over 100 million postcards. No joke – check "Craig Shergold" at Snopes.com.

The government does not have a bill in congress called 901B (or whatever they named it this week) that, if passed, will enable them to charge us 5 cents for every sent e-mail.

There will be NO cool dancing, singing, waving, colorful flower, character, or program I will receive immediately after I forward this. People are just trying to talk me into doing it to make me look like a fool.

The American Red Cross will not donate 50 cents to a

certain individual dying of some never-heard-of-before disease for every e-mail address I send this to. The American Red Cross RECEIVES donations, they don't donate money!

If criminals wanted to extract an American tourist's kidney and leave him in a bathtub full of ice water, why wouldn't they just kill him and take all organs of value? And why would I forward such nonsense?

If the daughter of an African dictator addresses me as DEARLY BELOVED and tells me that she has \$50M she has stolen and wants me to help her move the funds overseas, why would I decide to send someone who has admitted being a criminal my Social Security number and bank account number?

News of conspiracies, new viruses, dangerous breakfast cereals does not become true simply because it comes from my Auntie Ethel. I will NOT forward alarming news of any kind (especially if it has no specific date yet refers to "last week" or "yesterday") without checking its veracity – for example, by visiting Snopes.com to look up the facts.

And finally, I WILL NOT let others pressure me into sending e-mail on to EVERYONE! I KNOW for fear they will think I am not their friend – or by telling me I have no conscience or don't believe in JESUS CHRIST (always in capital letters). If G-d wants to send me a message, I believe the bushes in my yard will burn before He picks up a PC to pass it along. But even if it does come by e-mail, HE will send me one at which point I'm SURE I will know it will be from HIM, AND if He does, I'm sure He will care enough to delete all those annoying forwarded headers in it!

Now, repeat this four times in yourself until you've memorized it and then send it along to at least 50 of your friends before the next full moon or you will be haunted for three months.

I'm sorry to inform you that you have been the victim of criminal fraud.

The unsolicited commercial email (UCE or "spam") that someone sent out on your company's behalf was NOT sent to the selected addresses that they claimed they would use. For example, your spam mentions industrial goods but was sent to randomly collected addresses, including mine -- and I am a university professor and can have no value to you as a customer.

I strongly recommend that you demand full details of the email distribution list that the criminals who defrauded your company used in their fraudulent scheme. They took your money under false pretenses.

Given that you live in the People's Republic of China, where there is no effective rule of law, I recommend that you deal with the criminals personally. Stuffing several hundred paper copies of their fraudulent email -- email that disgraces you and your company before the world -- up their noses or other body orifices would be a highly appropriate punishment. You can also just illegally beat them severely, as that is a common technique used by your own police forces on anyone disliked by people in power. If they complain to the police, you can always bribe an officer or two to look the other way or to beat them some more.

It would also be nice if you could spread the word to your colleagues in business in China so that fewer of you could make total fools of yourselves in the eyes of millions of unwilling recipients of your junk mail.

I sincerely wish you zero sales from your efforts and earnestly wish you the maximum embarrassment and humiliation before your entire family, community and nation.

Don't bother responding: your email address is now blocked.

KFC has been a part of our American traditions for many years. Many people, day in and day out, eat at KFC religiously. Do they really know what they are eating? During a recent study of KFC done at the University of New Hampshire, they found some very upsetting facts.

First of all, has anybody noticed that just recently, the company has changed their name? Kentucky Fried Chicken has become KFC. Does anybody know why? We



thought the real reason was because of the "FRIED" food issue. It's not. The reason why they call it KFC is because they can not use the word chicken anymore. Why? KFC does not use real chickens. They actually use genetically manipulated organisms. These so called "chickens" are kept alive by tubes inserted into their bodies to pump blood and nutrients throughout their structure. They have no beaks, no feathers, and no feet. Their bone structure is dramatically shrunk to get more meat out of them. This is great for KFC because they do not have to pay so much for their production costs. There is no more plucking of the feathers or the removal of the beaks and feet. The government has told them to change all of their menus so they do not say chicken anywhere. If you look closely you will notice this. Listen to their commercials, I guarantee you will not see or hear the word chicken. I find this matter to be very disturbing. I hope people will start to realize this and let other people know. Please forward this message to as many people as you can. Together we make KFC start using real chicken again.

Kitty Porn

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A few weeks ago my wife and I looked for a Russian Blue kitten we could adopt. We found an ad on the “kittensforadoption.us” site with a picture of a cute kitty available in Massachusetts, a few hours’ drive from our home in Vermont.



We contacted the owner using the REPLY function. We quickly got a nice e-mail from “Susan Haper” cheerfully telling us

“Greetings from this end and i'm glad to read back from you.As i said,we have three available 1 male and two female and they are purebred Russian blues.They are 13 weeks old respectively,The male is called Paige and the females are called Shannon and Jessy.i am glad that you want to take one of them.” [All the errors are in the original message.]

I received a phone call a day later by a man with a thick African accent who said he was the husband of “Mrs Susan.” I had to return his call, so I used the number I saw on my mobile phone, 385.200.1409. While I was speaking with him on a bad line, another African man interrupted the conversation, which was almost incomprehensible. The caller kept insisting that he wanted my wife’s e-mail address, even though she had already received an e-mail response as shown above.

Then we received the following astonishing news: the “Massachusetts” kitties were in Salt Lake City, Utah – more than 3000 km away!

“hi after reading your mail, i was over whelm and wanted no body else to have this my baby except your loving family for they are perfect

match to siamese.

they are 4 months old and i am located in salt lake city Utah and i have both male and female of the baby. i will advice since you are a cat lover to take both the male and female to you.

i can them ship to you there in vermont and it is not the first time i will be doing that so you dont have to worry.

also attached to this email are the pics of the male and female. like i said they are for adoption and all you have to pay is for the shipping to you and before sending you this email i had to talk to the agency and they told me it will cost you 380\$ for both male and female to be home deliver to you from Utah to Vermont.

they will be needing the following from you: full name, contact number and nearest airport to your location (that is if you will receive them at the airport)

but if you will like for them to be deliver to your home address then you have to add: city and postal code, street name and home address.

originally i had 4 babies as you will see and only the two single photos i am sending of the male and female are left."

At this point, my alarm for "advance-fee fraud" went off and I looked into the situation in detail.

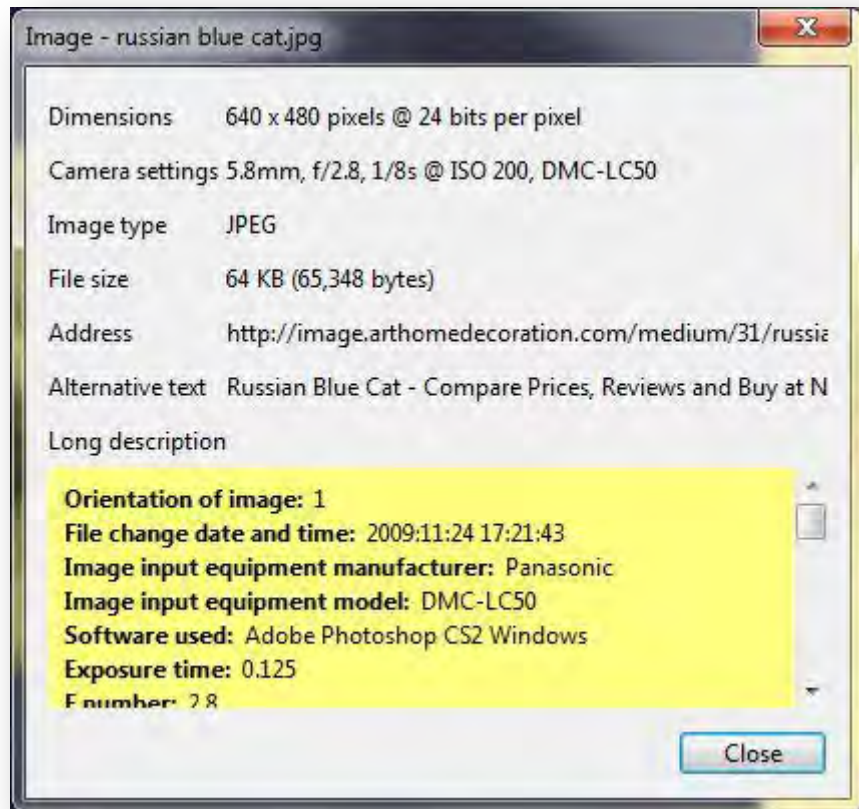
Here are my key findings:

- The phone number (385.200.1409) has over 6,000 hits on Google (try it yourself) for every imaginable kind of animal – including wild animals that cannot legally be raised or traded in the USA and animals covered under the Convention on International Traffic in Endangered Species (CITES< <http://www.cites.org/> >.
- Analysis of the first thousand Google hits for ads using the 385.200.1409 phone number showed that almost all of them were on sites registered outside the USA.




Website	Domain registered in
www.adtob.com	Romania
www.animalssale.com	Ukraine
www.bedfordshire-central-bedfordshire.adtob.com	Romania
www.juneau.adtob.com	Romania
www.kittensforadoption.us	Germany
www.little-rock.adtob.com	Romania
www.usaphonestore.org	Australia
www.usmarketdb.com	USA

- Exactly the same description of the kittens ("With pedigree. Vaccinated cat. Sterilized cat.") generated 5,620,000 hits on the kittensforadoption.us Website *alone*.

- The picture of the nice cat on a blue background was quick to find using Google Images using the search string < russian blue kitten > and turned out to be from a picture gallery< <http://image.arthomedecoration.com/medium/31/russian%20blue%20cat.jpg> >; clicking on “Image Properties” showed that it was from 2009 or earlier.



- Examination of the same page where the original “Massachusetts” kitty was posted showed dozens of cases< [file:054 3 lots of copies](#) > of identical photographs used for different cats in widely separated areas of the US.
- Using the Neustar domain registration service< <http://www.whois.us/> >, we found that the kittensforadoption.us Web site was registered by a German company supposedly by someone living in Beverly Hills, California. The phone number of the registrant, 213.631.1402, is not a working number.

KITTENS FOR ADOPTION	KITTENS FOR ADOPTION
<p>Free kittens to adopt To adopt for free, 4 russian blue kittens.</p>  <p>Cat breed : Russian blue With pedigree. Vaccinated cat. Sterilized cat. State : Montana. County : Silver Bow County. Cat ad published on 09-25-2012</p> <p>• REPLY TO THIS CAT AD • SEND THIS CLASSIFIED TO A FRIEND</p>	<p>Free kittens to adopt To adopt for free, 3 russian blue kittens.</p>  <p>Cat breed : Russian blue With pedigree. Vaccinated cat. State : California. County : Alameda County. Cat ad published on 09-24-2012</p> <p>• REPLY TO THIS CAT AD • SEND THIS CLASSIFIED TO A FRIEND</p>
<p>KITTENS FOR ADOPTION</p> <p>Free kittens to adopt To adopt for free, 3 russian blue kittens.</p>  <p>Age : 2 month Cat breed : Russian blue With pedigree. Vaccinated cat. Sterilized cat. State : California. County : Los Angeles County. Cat ad published on 09-23-2012</p> <p>• REPLY TO THIS CAT AD • SEND THIS CLASSIFIED TO A FRIEND</p>	<p>KITTENS FOR ADOPTION</p> <p>Free kittens to adopt To adopt for free, 4 russian blue kittens.</p>  <p>Cat breed : Russian blue With pedigree. Vaccinated cat. Sterilized cat. State : North Carolina. County : Mecklenburg County. Cat ad published on 09-23-2012</p> <p>• REPLY TO THIS CAT AD • SEND THIS CLASSIFIED TO A FRIEND</p>
<p>KITTEN FOR ADOPTION</p> <p>Free kitten to adopt To adopt for free, a female russian blue cat.</p> <p>Age : 2 month Cat breed : Russian blue Fur : Shorthair Phone : 8320026499 State : Texas. County : Harris County. Cat ad published on 09-16-2012</p> <p>• REPLY TO THIS CAT AD • SEND THIS CLASSIFIED TO A FRIEND</p>	<p>KITTEN FOR ADOPTION</p> <p>Free kitten to adopt To adopt for free, a russian blue cat.</p> <p>Cat breed : Russian blue Fur : Shorthair With pedigree. Phone : 2037157059 State : Connecticut. County : Hartford County. Cat ad published on 09-13-2012</p> <p>• REPLY TO THIS CAT AD • SEND THIS CLASSIFIED TO A FRIEND</p>
<p>KITTENS FOR ADOPTION</p> <p>Free kittens to adopt To adopt for free, 3 russian blue kittens.</p>  <p>Age : 3 to 6 month Cat breed : Russian blue With pedigree. Vaccinated cat. State : Maryland. County : Calvert County. Cat ad published on 09-11-2012</p> <p>• REPLY TO THIS CAT AD • SEND THIS CLASSIFIED TO A FRIEND</p>	<p>KITTENS FOR ADOPTION</p> <p>Free kittens to adopt To adopt for free, 5 russian blue kittens.</p>  <p>Age : 3 to 6 month Cat breed : Russian blue With pedigree. Vaccinated cat. State : New York. County : Onondaga County. Cat ad published on 09-11-2012</p> <p>• REPLY TO THIS CAT AD • SEND THIS CLASSIFIED TO A FRIEND</p>
<p>KITTENS FOR ADOPTION</p> <p>Free kittens to adopt To adopt for free, 6 russian blue kittens.</p>  <p>Age : 3 to 6 month Cat breed : Russian blue With pedigree. Vaccinated cat. State : North Carolina. County : Orange County. Cat ad published on 09-11-2012</p> <p>• REPLY TO THIS CAT AD • SEND THIS CLASSIFIED TO A FRIEND</p>	<p>KITTENS FOR ADOPTION</p> <p>Free kittens to adopt To adopt for free, 5 russian blue kittens.</p>  <p>Age : 3 to 6 month Cat breed : Russian blue With pedigree. Vaccinated cat. State : Alabama. County : Houston County. Cat ad published on 09-11-2012</p> <p>• REPLY TO THIS CAT AD • SEND THIS CLASSIFIED TO A FRIEND</p>

The pattern fits that of the *advance-fee fraud*< <http://affcoalition.org/> >, also known as the 4-1-9 *Nigerian Fraud* (a reference to the Nigerian penal code section covering this kind of crime) in which a sucker is cajoled into believing that (s)he will get something for nothing. The scammers then announce that a fee is required for completion. The request for “shipping” costs for nonexistent cats (unless someone has figured out how to clone the critters) is a giveaway. Had we sent money, we would almost certainly have been told that another, even higher fee was required for completion of the transaction.

We should have been suspicious the moment we determined that the expensive Russian blue purebred kittens were *free* – and included three months of special food! The preliminary encouragement from the illiterate criminals was intended to entangle the gullible victims into a strong emotional connection with the virtual pets so that they would be more willing to send a payment to the scammers.

So in sum, here are some principles we should have applied from the start before getting any further involved in this scam:

1. Before looking into the purchase (or adoption) or anything, immediately use a search engine to scan for identical unusual words, misspellings, or phrases. Look for multiple ads that have identical wording and photographs of the product or animal.
2. If there are photos of the product or creature, check Google Images to see if you can locate identical photos that suggest that the user is simply faking a picture.
3. If there is a phone number available in the ad, search for it using a search engine; be sceptical if there are multiple, mutually-exclusive hits. If someone claims to be in Northumbria and in Suffolk at the same time, something’s wrong.
4. Be sceptical of offers that are too good to be true. Why would someone be giving away expensive products or animals to complete strangers?
5. Never agree to send money in advance of the delivery. There are ways of putting money in escrow (e.g., eBay’s Buyer Protection for payments made through PayPal< <http://pages.ebay.com/coverage/index.html> >) so that neither buyer nor seller can be cheated.

We’re still looking for a cat, but we’re going to the local animal shelter this time.

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Snowball the Monster Cat

An image of an enormous cat (approximately the size of a large dog) being held in the arms of a bearded man began circulating around the internet in early 2000. The picture attracted attention because it didn't seem possible for a cat to be that large, but the chance that the cat was real couldn't be ruled out either.



At first the picture stood alone without explanation, but at some point an unknown prankster added a caption to the image, claiming it showed "Snowball," a monster cat owned by one Rodger Degagne of Ottawa, Canada. Mr. Degagne had supposedly adopted Snowball's mother (a normal-sized cat) after finding her abandoned near a Canadian nuclear lab. She later gave birth to Snowball, who proceeded to grow into the oversized, 87-pound cat "Mr. Degagne" was shown holding.

The photo attracted so much attention that it was eventually featured on television shows such as NBC's *The Tonight Show with Jay Leno* and ABC's *Good Morning America*. However, both Snowball's story and her picture were fake. In May 2001 Cordell Hauglie, a resident of Edmonds, Washington, came forward to admit that 'Snowball' was actually his daughter's cat. The cat's real name was 'Jumper,' and it only weighed twenty-one pounds. To prove he was telling the truth, Hauglie produced pictures showing him holding the actual-sized Jumper, as well as a picture of Jumper sitting in a window.



Hauglie explained that he created the fake image by using widely available photo manipulation software and had then e-mailed the image to a few friends as a joke, never intending that it would pass beyond those friends. But a few months later the picture had spread worldwide. Hauglie only realized what had happened when the picture started appearing on TV shows, in newspapers, and in magazines. To his amazement, he had unintentionally become an internet celebrity simply by sharing a joke with a few friends.

Hauglie reports that the picture made him famous among cat lovers, and that he has frequently been invited to attend cat shows as a celebrity guest.

Big cats make great pets,
And make great conversation,
But think of the Hairballs!
(by J)

Man, that guy is strong
holding Fluffy, smiling big --
hate to clean that litter.
(by Mike M.)

Send Options... HTML

Draft autosaved at: 4:57 PM

To... [REDACTED]

Cc...

Subject: RE: Guaranteed Visa + Work Permit + PR

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Dr. [REDACTED] Shams
PhD, MBA, LLB (Lon)
President and CEO

Hey jam-for-brains,

Why did you send a university professor in Vermont (a "state" in the "country" called "USA", which you may have heard of, since you refer to it) your unsolicited commercial e-mail -- what people with a vocabularly larger than yours call "spam" -- aimed at foreign students trying to enter a variety of countries? What part of "checking the address list" is beyond your greed-infected mental processes?

You stupid fucking shit, what the hell do you think anyone but a lamebrain will do with your garbage spam? Actually believe anything in it??? And why are you sending it to unfiltered .edu addresses? Did someone convince you that spamming the educational world would be profitable for your fraudulent enterprise? SURPRISE: they cheated YOU. They are sending your junk mail to randomly collected addresses with absolutely no sense of appropriateness, decency, or legality. You don't even have the intelligence to fake an opt-out link that could convince one or two cretins to think that you are for real. In the USA, your spam violates the CANSPAM Act because it fails to include the opt-out link.

You cannot even punctuate your own garbage properly. Get someone with a high-school diploma to review your work before you send it on to anyone else.

On a secondary note, if you can actually remove your head from your rectum for a moment, you might consider using a different fake name for your spam:

sham [sham]
noun (plural **shams**)

1. **something fake:** something that is presented as genuine but that is not
2. **impostor:** somebody who pretends to be something that he or she is not
3. household *Same as* pillow sham

adjective

Warning to Musicians – Internet Wedding Scam

Oct 23, 2007 News

So this is for our musician friends:

I'm miserable right now, and \$2500 poorer. My band was the subject of internet fraud.

So rather than totally wallow in my own misery, I want to educate you on how it happened and how You can avoid this same problem. Because Your band may be next.

In September, we got an email for a wedding gig from “Pitt Andre”. They found us through our wedding website. It was a little difficult for Andrew to work out the details with the folks getting “married”. But we negotiated payment—\$1500. And we would drive to Oklahoma.

We ask for a non-refundable 50% up front. So we waited and contacted and followed up with them to get payment. Finally they sent a check... for \$2500. Then they called and told us their accountant sent the wrong amount. Could we send them the back the difference?

Sure, once the check clears. But before that happened. They canceled the wedding. The mother-in-law had a heart attack. They were pissed. They asked if they could have back the non-refundable money. We agreed. And after three days, the check seemed to have cleared. And Andrew sent money back via a Moneygram.

Today, five business days after the initial deposit, the check bounced. A little research revealed this is a typical scam.

So what are the lessons to be learned?

Even in this day and age, it can take 7-10 days for a check to clear.

NEVER send money back hastily. If they are that urgent to have their money, then tough luck.

Even YOU can be scammed by something this stupid. So be on your guard. Lean on the side of caution to avoid losing big money.

Now time to wallow in my own broke misery....



< <https://tinyurl.com/ybr8vaav> >

No, Mark Zuckerberg is NOT Giving Millions of Dollars to Facebook Users Who Copy and Paste a Message

written by Brett M. Christensen December 7, 2015

Outline:

Circulating Facebook message claims that Facebook founder and CEO Mark Zuckerberg is giving away \$45 billion worth of Facebook stock and that 10% of this money will be given to ordinary Facebook users. It claims that, if you copy and repost the same message, you may be selected as the recipient of \$4.5 million. Supposedly, come midnight, Facebook will search through the day's posts and award 1000 people with \$4.5 million each as a way of saying thanks.

Brief Analysis:

The message is just a ridiculous hoax. Reposting the message will give you precisely zero chance of getting any money from Mark. Reposting may, however, make you appear rather gullible and foolish in front of your Facebook friends. Zuckerberg did announce in late 2015 that he was donating almost all of his Facebook stock to good causes. However, he is certainly not giving away \$45 million to random Facebook users who post this or any other message.

Example:

What the heckI too thought it was a hoax at first but saw this on Good Morning America and the news so I'll share the post for a cut....

THANK YOU, MARK ZUCKERBERG, for your forward-thinking generosity!
And congrats on becoming a dad!

Mark Zuckerberg has announced that he is giving away \$45 billion of Facebook stock. What you may not have heard is that he plans to give 10% of it away to people like YOU and ME! All you have to do is copy and paste this message into a post IMMEDIATELY. At midnight PST, Facebook will search through the day's posts and award 1000 people with \$4.5 million EACH as a way of saying thanks!

Worth a shot, why not! Better to be safe than sorry. Especially when this could really take some burdens off.

....All such messages do is clutter our networks with even more pointless rubbish. Copying and pasting the message may also make you look rather gullible and foolish in front of your Facebook friends.

