

**Wild For Life Foundation Educational Equine Protection & Awareness Program
Saving America's Horses Initiative**

8 Quick Need-to-Know Facts to Help Protect Horses & Burros from Slaughter

1. Documented evidence of egregious violations and a lack of enforcement by the USDA in U.S. slaughterhouses led to the defunding of USDA inspections in 2007, but in the absence of federal ban on horse slaughter, America's wild and domestic horses continue to be shipped across federal borders where they are slaughtered just as inhumanely to this very day.
2. If horse slaughter plants are reopened in the U.S., horses will undoubtedly suffer torturous agony on U.S. soil again. This is evidenced by cruelty violations and lack of enforcement of the Humane Methods of Slaughter Act. Violations to humane guidelines are rarely recorded nor enforced.
3. The term 'humane slaughter' is an oxymoron coined by proponents of slaughter. Slaughter is in truth defined as a brutal or violent killing and is NOT euthanasia at all.
4. U.S. horses, whether used for competition, recreation or work, are treated with many substances known to be toxic to humans; substances that can be lethal when ingested by humans, and many of which have been banned from the human food chain in most countries.
5. The "unmanageable surplus horses" is an artificial crisis created by the proponents to justify slaughter as "a necessary evil". Horse slaughter is not driven by a surplus of horses; rather it is driven by a foreign market for horse meat which is sold as a delicacy in foreign countries.
6. Horse slaughter is NOT desirable economic development. As evidenced from its past record of 30 years operation in the U.S., these communities have been devastated by its negative economic and environment impacts.
7. Horse slaughter benefits a relatively small number of powerful stakeholders within the U.S. equine industry that stand to profit from the exploitation of irresponsible excess breeding practices.
8. A federal ban on horse slaughter will put pressure on horse owners and stakeholders to take responsibility for the humane treatment and lifetime care of horses in their charge.

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