

Mission Statement

As a charitable organization designed to protect and promote equid welfare, we:

* Rescue, rehabilitate, retrain, and re-home the most commonly slaughtered breeds of horses - Quarterhorses, Thoroughbreds, and Standardbreds. We do not sell our horses; we free lease them so that we retain ownership and can monitor the welfare of our horses.

Among our rescues are a son of 'Seattle Slew', a grandson of 'Secretariat', and a great granddaughter of 'Secretariat', an 'Impressive' son, a daughter and granddaughter of the great Quarterhorse racer 'Dash For Cash.'

* Provide retirement homes for Mounted Police horses from forces in New Jersey and New York.

* Provide a community service by offering a need based boarding rate for those whom may be in danger of losing their horse(s) due to current economic conditions.

* Will support rare breed conservancy with particular interest in the Cleveland Bay, Dales, and Fell pony as determined by the American Livestock Breeds Conservancy.

* We support barefootedness and holistic approaches to health management. Reiki and Chiropractic have benefited our horses, as has the 24/7 natural living modality. Our environment is as natural as possible; this environment reduces stress and makes for happier, healthier equids.

Board Members

Ellen-Cathryn Nash ~ Founder & President

Lynn Henderson ~ Vice President

Dr. Lester Friedlander, DVM ~ Former
USDA Chief Inspector ~ General Partner

Donald H. Peebles ~ General Partner

The Cost of Rescuing and Rehabilitating a Horse from Slaughter:

\$500 minimum to outbid a killer buyer
\$700 per month for quarantine (2 months)
\$330 - \$900 per month for feed & board
\$400 per year for veterinary & vaccines
\$150 per year for teeth floating
\$80 per month for hoof trimming
\$60 per month for immune system
boosting supplements

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The Manes & Tails Organization



~Bullwinkle~

A son of the great 'Seattle Slew' saved from slaughter by the Manes & Tails Organization.

Manes & Tails Organization is a Domestic 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Corporation that was duly filed in accordance with New Jersey State Law on June 22, 2004. NJ Corporation # 0400061154
Our EIN: 90-0182985

Every horse we save from slaughter continues to contribute to the economy.

All donations are tax deductible.

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Legislative Timeline

The 107th, 108th, and 109th Congresses failed to pass any horse protection legislation.

In the 110th Congress, Rep Janice D. Schakowsky [IL-9] introduced HR 503 and Senator Mary Landrieu (D- LA) introduced S. 311. Both bills were introduced simultaneously on January 17, 2007 and are referred to as ‘The American Horse Slaughter Prevention Act.’

On January 19, 2007 the 5th Circuit Court of the United States upheld a Texas law banning the slaughter of equids in that state. On May 23, 2007 the state of Illinois passed a law banning horse slaughter in that state.



This horse was still alive in the ‘kill chute’ at the time of the photograph. Note the impression on the cheek from inappropriate placement of the captive bolt gun. This is a clear violation of the Humane Slaughter Act of 1958.

Slaughter Facts

Horse slaughter is illegal - it is a violation of the Humane Slaughter Act of 1958 amended in 2002. No method of horse slaughter complies with this statute.

Horses must be rendered insensible prior to slaughter by a penetrating captive bolt pistol.

All horses regain consciousness 30 (thirty) seconds after being stunned. They are fully conscious when they are hoisted, shackled, and vivisected. The horses scream in pain until their tracheas are cut. (Source: 1997 study by Professor Schultz & Dr. Hazim of Hanover University – Germany; Dr. Lester Friedlander, DVM & former Chief USDA Inspector quoted 2005).

According to USDA statistics, more than 105,835 American horses were slaughtered in 2006 for human consumption overseas. In 2007 , 29,055 were domestically slaughtered.

An additional 45,000 + were exported to Mexico or Canada for slaughter.

As of May 23, 2007, all foreign owned horse slaughter plants were shut down by Court or Legislative actions. Horse slaughter remains legal in the majority of the United States and horses not being slaughtered by the former plants are exported to Mexico and Canada where conditions are worse.

70% of horses arriving at slaughter plants are in good, fat, or obese condition. 72% are “sound” of limb, 84% are an average age of eight years, and 96% have no behavioral issues.

Healthy horses, as well as those found undesirable to the slaughter plants are exported to Mexico to be butchered for their meat, hides, manes, & tails. These horses are stabbed in the spine to paralyze them and are vivisected while fully conscious.

There are 9.2 million horses in the United States. The number of horses slaughtered comprises less than 1% (one percent) of the total population.

Horse meat has not been an ingredient in pet food since the 1960’s. Horse slaughter exists for one reason only – human consumption overseas.

Horse meat is considered a delicacy in countries including Belgium, France, Italy & Japan where it can sell for as much as \$20 per pound. There is a premium on foal meat.

Horse abuse, neglect and theft decrease when horse slaughter plants are shut down. This was proven in California when that state banned horse slaughter in 1998.

No special infrastructure is required to absorb horses not slaughtered.

The ‘surplus horse population’ is a myth.

The 109th Congress completely failed. It is doubtful that the 110th Congress will fare better due to resistance by the cattle industry. Other measures may have to be taken.