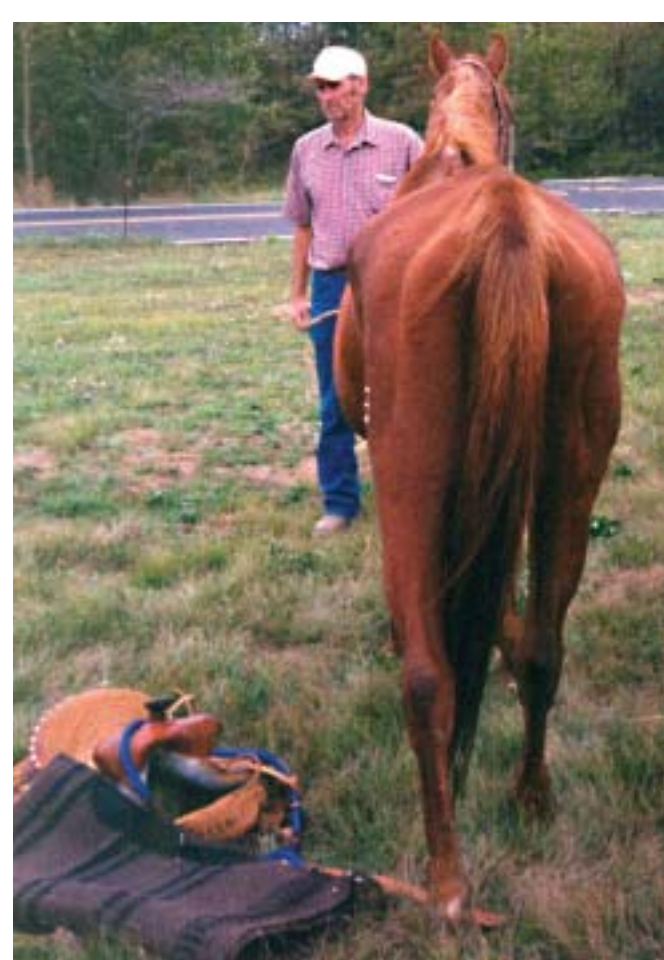


Fit for Sale?

Not under Pennsylvania Law - Title 18 5511(d)

The **Equine Protection Network, EPN** has documented the conditions of horses sold at PA horse auctions since 1995. The EPN pressed for the enforcement of the law prohibiting the sale of a disabled horse to no avail until the Pennsylvania State Police, PSP, responded to our complaints in 1998. Since that first successful prosecution by the PSP at the New Holland Sales Stables, enforcement has spread to other horse auctions across PA. In 2002 the PA Department of Agriculture published the Fit For Sale brochure.



Case: Robert Keilman



Title 18 of the PA Crimes Code, 5511(d) Selling or using disabled horse.--A person commits a summary offense if he offers for sale or sells any horse, which by reason of debility, disease or lameness, or for other cause, could not be worked or used without violating the laws against cruelty to animals, or leads, rides, drives or transports any such horse for any purpose, except that of conveying the horse to the nearest available appropriate facility for its humane keeping or destruction or for medical or surgical treatment.

- **Parsonville Auction - October 2002 PA State Police, PSP**, prosecute Robert Keilman, Ebensburg, PA. Found guilty after a hearing. Fined \$50 and forfeiture of the horse, Triple 8,s, to the **Equine Protection Network, EPN**.



Case: John Schuffler

- **New Holland Sales Stables- September 1999 PA State Police, PSP** arrest John, "Herbie" Schuffler of Valdese, NC, and brother of convicted horse thief, Steven Schuffler, and Ernest S. Shaw, Troy, NC. Both men plead guilty. Both the horses are euthanised due to their debilitating conditions.

Marks the first time 5511(d), on the books since 1985, is enforced at a horse auction.



Case: Michael Smith

- **New Holland Sales Stables- February 2001 Large Animal Protection Society, LAPS** prosecutes Michael Smith, Silver Springs, MD. Found guilty after a hearing. The maximum fine of \$750.00 is imposed and forfeiture of the horse Nell is ordered. Nell is later put down due to her condition.



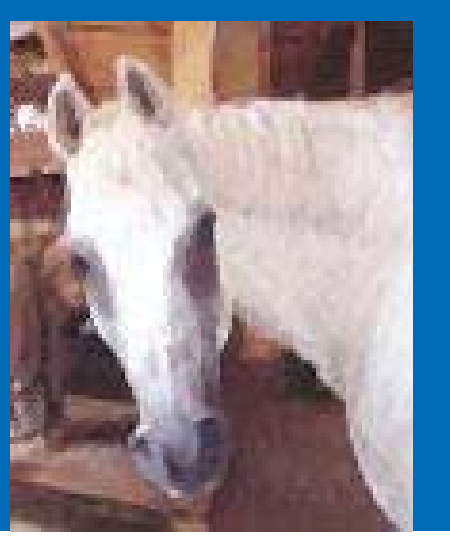
Case: Ricky Sterling

- **New Holland Sales Stables - August 2000 New Holland Police Department, NHPD** prosecutes Ricky Sterling, Wellsville, PA. Pleads guilty and fined \$50.00. The horse, Cheyenne, is euthanised.



Case: James Barbine

- **New Holland Sales Stables- April 2000 New Holland Police Department, NHPD**, prosecutes James Barbine, Wilmington, DE. Pleads guilty and fined \$50.00. Mule is put down due to her condition. Barbine is found guilty of cruelty to horses again in 2001 and is fined \$750.00 plus court costs.



The Facts About Horse Slaughter

FACT: Horses are an integral part of American heritage and culture.

FACT: Horses are pleasure animals used primarily for recreation and sport.

FACT: Americans do not eat horses or raise them for food.

FACT: Horse slaughter is a virtual secret industry.

FACT: The method by which horses are slaughtered is cruel and inhumane and cannot be regulated to be humane.

FACT: Horses are acquired for slaughter without disclosure contributing to both consumer fraud and horse theft.

FACT: Widespread use of pharmaceuticals and aminoglycoside antibiotics "not prescribed for food animals" renders American horsemeat potentially dangerous to human health.

FACT: Horse slaughter subsidizes over breeding, theft, and the unlawful extermination of our wild mustangs.

FACT: Horses are not feeding the starving masses, rather a \$15 a pound delicacy for foreign gourmands.

FACT: State revenues and horse-related industries are diminished by horse slaughter.

FACT: Horses are taxed differently than food-source animals.

FACT: Dogs and cats are protected against slaughter and export to countries where their meat is eaten. Horses deserve this protection also.

FACT: Horse meat eating is discouraged by Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist & Hindu religions.

FACT: Responsible horsemen humanely euthanise their horses.

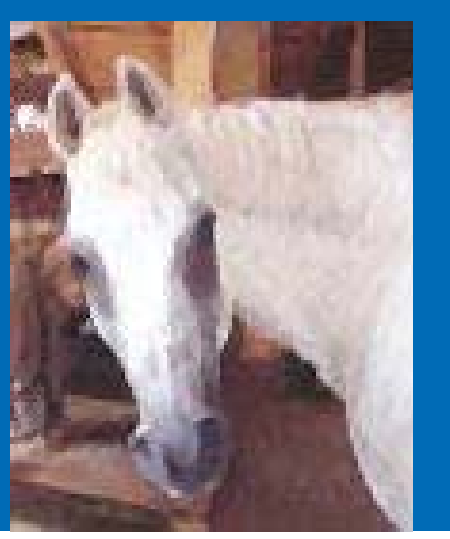
FACT: According to a national poll, 93% of Americans want horse slaughter stopped



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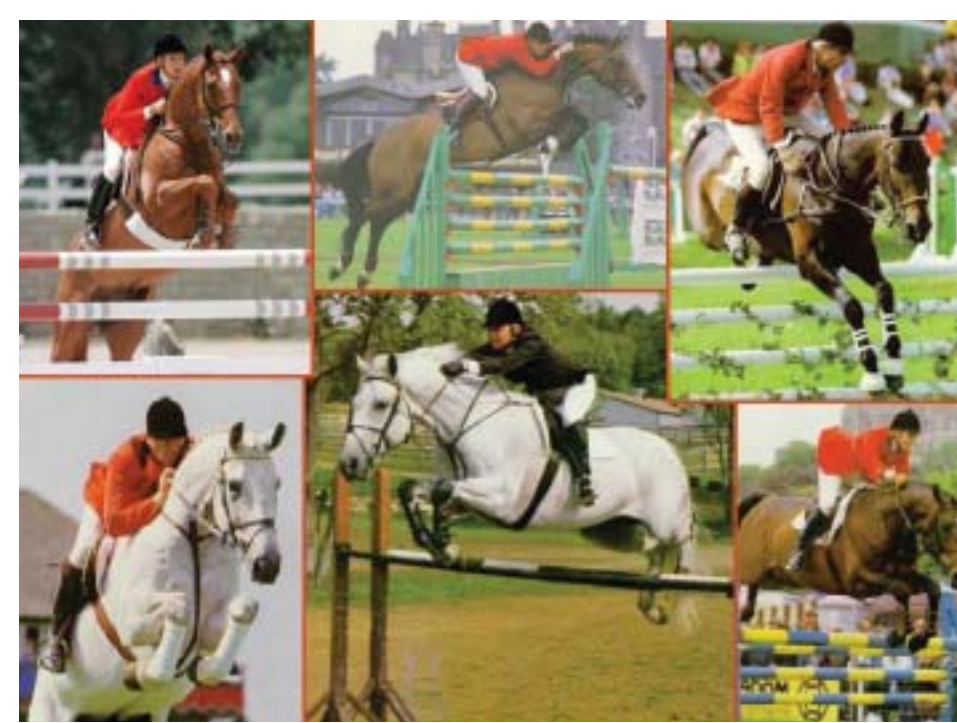
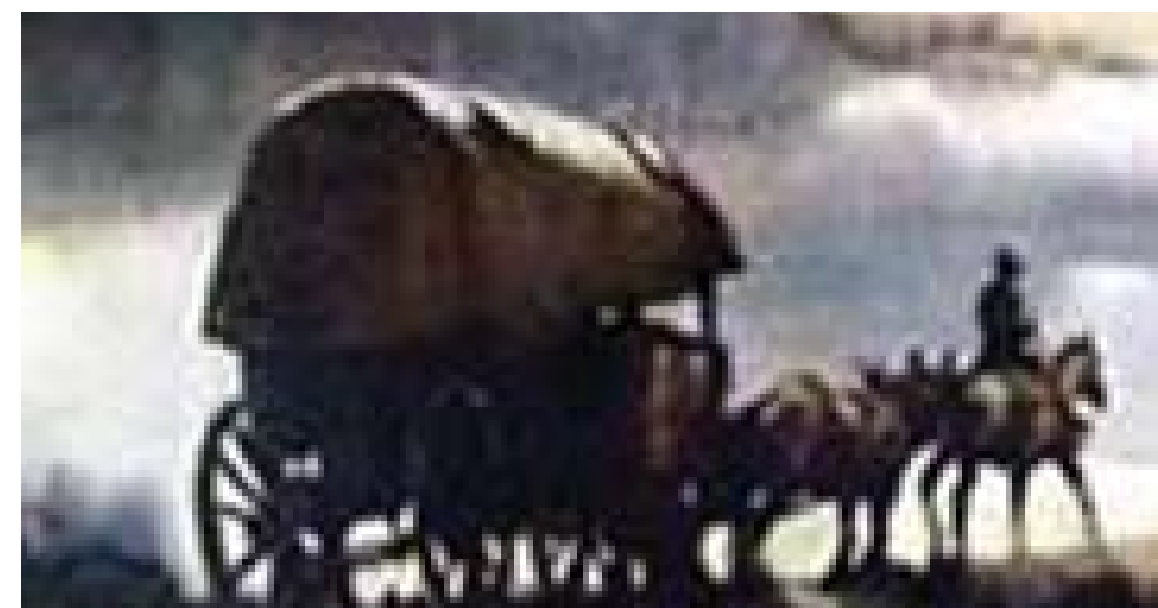


Horse Slaughter, An American Disgrace

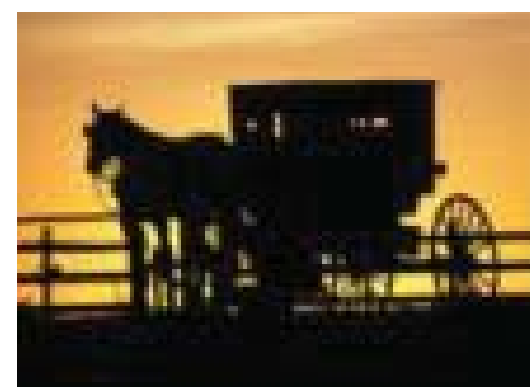
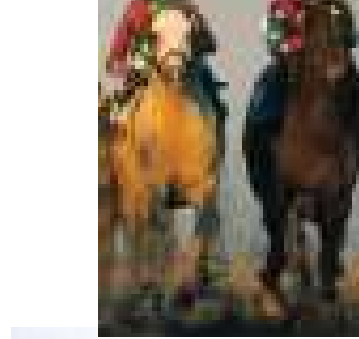
Keep America's Horses in the Stable and off the Table!

The horse is part of American heritage, having played a major role in our historical growth and development. Post industrial revolution, the number of horses has surprisingly increased contributing significantly to the enjoyment of generations of recreation enthusiasts in America

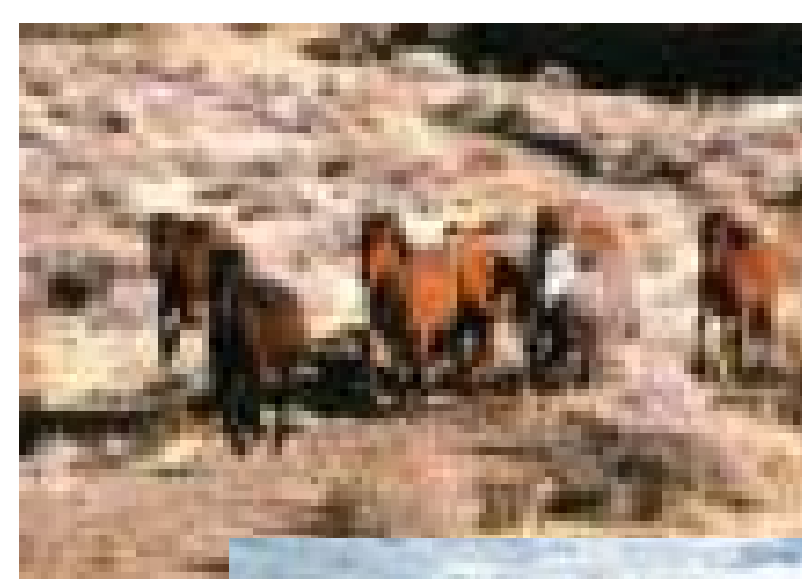
However over 3 million American recreational horses have been secretly purchased and slaughtered for the foreign markets in the last two decades. And because of the lack of disclosure on the part of the agents for the foreign owned horsemeat industry, people's horses can and have been stolen and their pets purchased under false pretenses.



Would America exist today if it were not for "Brown Beauty", the gallant mare who made history when she tirelessly carried Paul Revere on her back for his famous midnight ride? The entire culture of this country would be profoundly different were it not for the horse.



In 1972, Congress enacted the Wild Horse and Burro Act, which designated the wild horse as part of American heritage deserving protection against those who would cruelly slaughter them for food. It is inconceivable that the American people and their elected representatives would have wanted any less protection for our domesticated recreational horses?



In 1998, the State of California enacted the Prohibition on Slaughter of Horses and Sale of Horsemeat for Human Consumption Initiative Statute, which prohibited the slaughter of California horses for human consumption and the possession or sale of horse meat for human consumption.

Horses in America deserve the same protection against slaughter as our other non-food, pleasure and recreational animals.

The slaughtering of American horses for gourmet export could be banned tomorrow with no chilling impact on either agriculture or commerce. As voters, we want to inform our representatives regarding this issue and to respectfully urge those seeking reelection to "just say neigh" to horse killers.

The horrors of the auction, feed lot, transport, and slaughter house need to be brought to the public's attention

At the slaughter house, the horse is electrically prodded into the "kill box" to be repeatedly bludgeoned in the skull by a dead-bolt gun with a four-inch nail. Alive, and often conscious, the horse is then shackled by a rear leg, hoisted into the air, its throat slit and body dismembered.

No horse is spared this ordeal. These hungry, dehydrated, fatigued and terrified horses include not only the old, sick, blind and crippled, but the young and healthy, our children's pets, mares with helpless foals standing at their side, and our wild mustangs.

This abuse is being inflicted upon an animal that has never historically been considered a food animal, but rather a working partner and friend to man. An animal used primarily for pleasure, recreation and sport.

