

Horse Slaughter

1. Over 80% of Americans polled oppose the slaughter of horses for **HUMAN CONSUMPTION**.



2. In **2007** Congress stopped funding USDA horsemeat inspections which protected America's horses from the egregious violations in U.S. slaughter plants.



3. **100,000** over horses on average were **SLAUGHTERED** every year in the U.S. before this.



4. **100,000** approximately continue to be **EXPORTED** for inhumane slaughter. Reabsorbing them back into the live horse industry could actually boost the economy.



5. Special interest groups are pushing to **REOPEN** slaughter plants across the country. Even though the industry devastates American communities and almost exclusively profits foreign interests.



6. Most horse slaughter plants in the U.S. were foreign-owned and some paid as little as \$5 in taxes on \$12 million in sales.



7. It would cost the American tax payer **AT LEAST \$5 MILLION** annually to subsidize these plants again.

8. Horsemeat can be **TOXIC TO CONSUME**. American horses are routinely treated with substances that can be lethal to humans.



9. Slaughter plants caused horrific **ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS** in the communities where they were located.

Like, blood-gurgling-up-in-your-bathtub type problems. And having to keep kids inside because of the "Kill Day" stench.



10. Each plant produced about 15 million gallons of **FECAL MATERIAL** per year. Not to mention raw blood, rotting organs, and other waste.



11. Crime rates, including **ROBBERY** and **RAPE**, increased in towns that housed slaughter plants. Interestingly, rates dropped when the plants were shut down.



12. There is no over-population or surplus of horses that must be dealt with via slaughter. But, without slaughter, live horses support an important **INFRASTRUCTURE OF JOBS**.



13. Selling to "kill" solely benefits the slaughter buyer and **CHOKES OFF** demand for continued goods and services in the U.S. for live horses, like food and vet care.



14. Under-cover surveillance footage at plants revealed egregious **VIOLATIONS** to the protective USDA regulations. Fully conscious horses were dragged, hung by a rear leg, cut across the throat and dismembered alive.



15. Anyone who wants to **END THE SUFFERING** of horses and improve equine welfare will support the federal legislation to ban horse slaughter for human consumption. You can contact your representatives directly by following the link below.

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