

## Saving America's Horses – A Nation Betrayed

### Calling all Americans

Never before has there been a need so great to ban together for the greater good in the protection of one of our most precious and historic natural resources, the horse.



The recent lifting of a ban on funding for USDA inspectors at horse slaughter plants in the U.S., fueled by pro slaughter propaganda has led to a proverbial media frenzy with reports based on proponent anecdotes rather than reality, or actual fact checking.

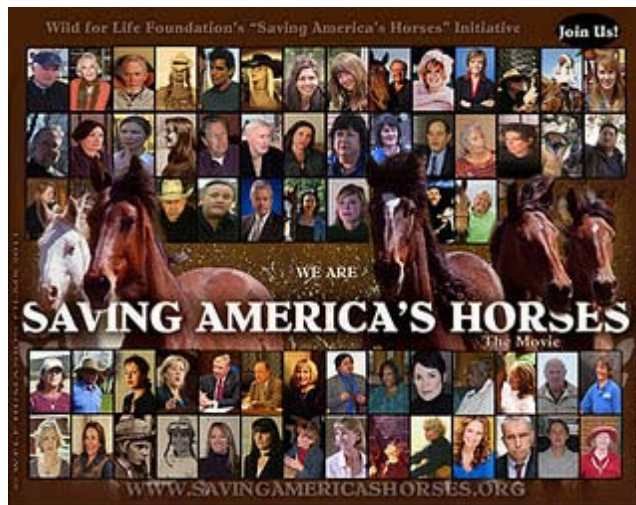
Documented evidence of egregious violations and a lack of enforcement by the USDA in U.S. slaughterhouses led to the defunding of USDA inspections in 2007, but in the absence of federal ban on horse slaughter, our wild and domestic horses continue to be shipped across federal borders where they are slaughtered just as inhumanely to this very day.

[The American Horse Slaughter Prevention Act of 2011, S.B. 1176](#), amends the Horse Protection Act (HPA) to prohibit the sale or transport of horses or equine parts in interstate or foreign commerce with the intent of processing for human consumption. The House version of the American Horse Slaughter Prevention Act is known as H.R. 2966.

Regardless of why, we as a culture, are so repulsed by the thought of consuming horse flesh, and the reasons are many; if we fail to uphold our fundamental moral and social responsibilities, we are in effect dooming the fate of our own humanity.

If you are concerned about the inhumane treatment of animals, or concerned about serious threats to human health, or concerned about sustaining our environment, support [Saving America's Horses](#). Only a federal ban can protect us from the destructive and predatory trade of horse slaughter.

“Saving American Horses – A Nation Betrayed” is a landmark documentary film and educational project under Wild for Life Foundation, a nonprofit charity dedicated to saving and protecting equines. It's the 1st and only feature documentary film that fully advocates for the preservation of wild horses and anti slaughter for all horses. The *Saving America's Horses Initiative* is the nation's most extensive coalition of equine welfare professionals and equine welfare groups working at the forefront of these issues. "Saving America's Horses" the documentary film, provides spotlight platform for the leading equine welfare professionals and organizations to share their findings on world stage through cinema.



We invite all those that wish to uphold the integrity in doing the right thing, to come stand with us. Join and support the "Saving America's Horses" initiative and not only be part of the solution, but also take part in this powerful vehicle for change.

## **Saving America's Horses – A Nation Betrayed**

### **Film Synopsis**

“**Saving America's Horses - A Nation Betrayed**” is an intelligent and inspiring exposé about today's horses and the need to protect and preserve them. This award winning film explores the human-animal bond of horse and man through an illuminating humanitarian lens. Viewers adventure across the nation's sweeping landscapes to witness the magnificence, power and free spirit of one of America's most treasured icons, the horse. We rediscover the relationship we share with these animals through a compelling compilation of true life stories, undercover footage and expert testimony. Through following the life of a champion racehorse we learn about Thoroughbreds in the American racing industry. It's a thought-provoking look at these complex relationships with serious consideration to the life-span care of these majestic companion animals.

“**Saving America's Horses**” spotlights the practice of sending equines that have been treated with banned lethal substances to slaughter for human consumption. The film chronicles the past history of unsuccessful protective legislation in the U.S., exposing the misleading propaganda circulated through the media. With an up close look at the America's wild horses, we get a glimpse of the controversial world of wild equines in captivity and an true understanding of why these highly social and intelligent animals belong on the open range. “**Saving America's Horses**” explores the degradation of rangelands as managed by the BLM and shows how wild horses help to replenish the environment rather than deplete it.

The film concludes with an inspiring presentation of hope as the nation's experts weigh in on how to resolve existing industry conflicts that have placed horses in harm's way. “**Saving America's Horses**” is a powerful tool that can effect social action among the masses. Those who have seen this film say they have found their lives to be profoundly changed.

### **Collaboration and Support**

The role of this documentary resource is public education serving to inform audiences as an intervening force in the public sphere. “**Saving America's Horses**” strives to unite those who have given priority to the safety and welfare of American's horses with a special invitation to the members of the equine community at large to help raise the bar for the protection of equines from slaughter.

“**Saving America's Horses**” along with its infrastructure and multimedia resources provides a lingering impact on society to become actively involved and also provides educational updates to help insure the protection of horses from cruelty. The equine industry is encouraged to take full accountability for the lifecycle of the horses - from breeding programs through to end-of-life /retirement in order to fully protect the horses. Programs for rehabilitation, retraining and adoption for horses whose careers have ended are needed throughout the various jurisdictions and coordinated with local stakeholder groups to ensure compliance. Just as the AAEP has recommended for the race industry, funds to assist in the transition of horses into second careers need to be generated by the equine industry.

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**Awards and Accolades:**

**BEST DOCUMENTARY FILM:** Los Angeles Women's International Film Festival

**BEST ENVIRONMENTAL FILM:** FILM NORTH International Film Festival, Canada

**ACCOLADE MERIT AWARD:** Advocacy, Visuals, and Investigative Journalism

**AWARDED FOR CINEMATOGRAPHY, ADVOCACY, EDITING & CONSERVATION**

**MESSAGE:** International Wildlife Film Festival

"Masterfully presented!" – Larry Lindner, New York Times best-selling writer

"Fantastic! Powerful and compelling" — Greg MacGillivray, MacGillivray Freeman Films (IMAX)

"It's the freight train that will roar through our country awakening, engaging and empowering the public." – Jo Anne Normile - Founder of CANTER, former racing breeder, owner, and BOD of the MI HBPA & M-TOBA

"It blows the lid off the abysmal horse slaughter industry in America." — HarrisonHeldStarMedia

"Brilliant and heartbreaking exposé." — Laura Allen, Attorney – Animal Law Coalition

"It raises the bar for animal welfare in this country." – Shelley Abrams, racehorse owner, Co-Founder AAHS

**Endorsements:** <http://www.savingamericashorses.org/statements.html>

**Board of Directors:** <http://www.savingamericashorses.org/advisoryboard.html>

**Cast:** <http://www.imdb.com/title/tt1505400/fullcredits#cast>

Join in support of saving, protecting and preserving America's wild and domestic equines. Please help support "Saving America's Horses" by spreading the word about this important film project, and donate by mail or on line by visiting: [www.savingamericashorses.org](http://www.savingamericashorses.org)

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