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May 25, 2022

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Speaker of the House  
1236 Longworth H.O.B.  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Chuck Schumer  
Majority Leader, U.S. Senate  
322 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Minority Leader, U.S. Senate  
317 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy  
Minority Leader, U.S. House  
2468 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

**RE: H.R. 3355, the Save America's Forgotten Equines ("SAFE") Act**

Dear Speaker Pelosi, Leader McCarthy, Leader Schumer, and Leader McConnell,

National and International equine and animal welfare organizations, representing more than 13 million voting constituents, comprised of The Cloud Foundation, In Defense of Animals, the Canadian Horse Defence Coalition, Wild Horse Education, and Animal Wellness Action, are writing to ask Congress to immediately move the Save America's Forgotten Equines (SAFE) Act (H.R. 3355/S. 2732) out of House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Commerce, and Senate Committee on the Judiciary, respectively, for a vote to protect the equine community in the United States.

Horses haven't been slaughtered in the U.S since 2007. The USDA's own investigations in the slaughter process in the U.S documented the horrific process and death of horses in slaughter plants and concluded that it is untenable to achieve humanely.

"A\*W\*E: Advocates for Wild Equines Lobby Coalition and affiliated A\*W\*E groups are proud to join with other Wild Horse and Domestic Advocacy Groups in our support of the SAFE Act. As our name implies, we would extend the intent of the SAFE Act to all Equines (both wild and domestic) which would include burros/donkeys, ponies, minis and mules," **stated founder Lorna Torrey-Palermo**. Moreover, "All equines suffer terribly during transport and slaughter. There is no conceivable reason for this practice to continue. The Act should include the language that prohibits the transportation of all equids across borders for slaughter for any purpose. Equines have served humanity in every aspect of civilization in North America. We owe them a tremendous debt of gratitude. At this point in time, we again need their presence on the land. As a keystone species, central to the preservation of our remaining wild spaces, their presence is essential to our efforts to preserve the natural forest and grassland ecosystems for future generations."

A\*W\*E, represented by Lobbyit Firm in D.C., is paid for by advocates across the country. A\*W\*E completed a survey in 2021, resulting in the following data:

- 82% of respondents were above the age of 41.
- 28% were Democrat / 26% were Republican/ 19% were Independent
- 42% of all Respondents live in Western states, 27% in the Midwest, and the rest reported “other.”
- 40% were bachelors level educated or more / 28% Had a technical degree or equivalent.
- 97% of all respondents stated they support HR3355.
- 98% of all respondents support permanently banning equine slaughter in the USA and banning the transport of horses for slaughter for any purpose (ie: dog food, leather, etc.).

**July 7, 2021:** the European Union ceased accepting horse meat sent from Mexico to Europe. Animal Angels 501c3 investigations, a Maryland based organization, investigates throughout North America, and spent years collecting evidence and data. The European Union was inspired to halt horse meat shipments from Mexico contributing to a 70% decrease of American horses shipping to Mexico, calculated from USDA shipping data.

**December 16, 2021:** Justin Trudeau mandated the end of transport of horses overseas for slaughter due to the horrific and inhumane treatment of the horses. 70% of horses slaughtered in Canada come from the United States. Many of those horses are our Iconic Wild Horses of the west who are snuck to kill pens and then across the border or draft horses who have spent their lives plowing our fields and pulling our carriages, who are the spirit of this country, and helped to build the United States.

The equine community is large, more cohesive than ever, and are of one voice:

“Increasing numbers of wild horses are landing in danger of the slaughter pipeline since the ‘2020 plan’ began, an unprecedented acceleration of removals to achieve population levels not seen since the passage of the 1971 Act. Oversight is abysmal and no real effort has been made to stop the flow into the slaughter of wild horses through the sale and adoption programs,” **stated Laura Leigh, President of Wild Horse Education,** “I have seen horses at auction and at packing plants. The terror is palpable, and the treatment of horses was obscene. For all horses, wild and domestic, the SAFE Act must pass to stop feeding the gruesome horse slaughter pipeline with our beloved equines.”

**The Cloud Foundation, Lisa Friday, Director of Communications, stated the following:** "In the 21st century, it is appalling that we *still* allow thousands of American equines to be trucked across our borders to a torturous end in foreign slaughterhouses. We know that some of those animals are federally protected wild horses and burros; some of them were once beloved pets, some worked nearly to death and then abandoned at auction when they were too old or infirm to be useful. Others are healthy horses who simply didn't run fast or jump high enough. No equine is “safe” from this barbaric trade, and we must change that. This kind of cruelty reflects who we are as a country, a society, a culture. We can and must BE better, DO better. It is within our power to stop this inhumane industry and we call upon Congress to do just that. The time has come, the moment to act is NOW."

“Until a ban is in place, every American horse, both wild and domestic, is at risk of falling into the hands of the predatory horse slaughter industry,” **said Scott Beckstead, director of campaigns for Animal Wellness Action,** “The overwhelming majority of Americans oppose slaughtering horses for consumption in foreign countries, and it’s long past time to transform our values into sound public policy.”

**President of Canadian Horse Defence Coalition, Sinikka Crosland stated,** "The Canadian Horse Defence Coalition stands united with our American colleagues on the quick enactment of the SAFE Act. Canada has seen far too many horses crossing the border from the U.S. by the truckload, only to be cruelly slaughtered in this country. Horses need safe pastures and legislative protection in both the U.S. and Canada."

“Between 2001 and 2019, 1.5 million horses, both wild and domestic, were shipped to slaughterhouses in Mexico and Canada. Americans have been clamoring for a law to ban the transport of horses for slaughter and

such bills have been introduced in Congress since at least 2006. It is time to get this bill passed!" **Wild Horse and Burro Campaign Director of In Defense of Animals, Ginger Fedak, included.**

The work to pass the SAFE Act has spanned more than a decade. The fight to protect America's horses has been, and continues to be, a true equine welfare community effort. Some of those efforts made by the rescues listed below, that represent a nation that is supportive of caring for these horses, and has saved countless lives from the "kill buyers" that emotionally torture the public and physically torture the horses, are asking for the SAFE Act to be immediately brought to a vote are:

Guardian Hearts Equine Defenders, 501c3, Tamara Lewis, North Carolina

The Foxie G. Foundation Thoroughbred Retirement, 501c3, Maryland

Broken Arrow Equine Rescue, California

Circle A Home for Horses, 501c3, Alicia Mahar, Virginia

Riding with Angels, 501c3, Marianne Schutlz, Wisconsin

Our Forgotten Angels, 501c3, Darlene Supnick, New Jersey

Salvation Wild Mustang Sanctuary Corp, 501c3, Florida

Helping Equines Regain Dignity (H.E.R.D), 501c3, Heather Freeman, North Carolina

Heaven on Earth Horse Rescue and Rehabilitation, New Jersey

Unbridled Thoroughbred Foundation, 501c3, Susan Kayne, New York

Sperry Horses, Private Rescue, Lida Sperry, New York

R.A.C.E Fund, Inc. , Thoroughbred rescue, Marlene Murray, Founder, Pennsylvania

The Mustang Acres Rescue, Founder, Janet Mazzarini, Michigan

Evanescence Mustang Rescue, Texas

For the foregoing reasons, we urge your immediate action in advancing the SAFE Act. Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Sincerely yours,

Advocates for Wild Equines National Grassroots Coalition

Wild Horse Education, 501c3

Canadian Horse Defence Coalition

The Cloud Foundation, 501c3

Animal Wellness Action, 501c3

In Defense of Animals, 501c3

***"I think empathy is really important, and I think only when our clever brain and our human heart work together in harmony can we achieve our full potential."*** Jane Goodall



Dear Chairwoman Schakowsky and Ranking Member Bilirakis:

On behalf of A.W.E. Advocates for Wild Equines Lobby Coalition, we thank you for the opportunity to offer support on H.R. 3355, the Save America's Forgotten Equines (SAFE) Act. The crusade to ban Horse Slaughter in America it its 20-year anniversary this year. The proponents for horse slaughter are very few but are often part of larger groups that perceive that being able to send their horses to slaughter serve their own objectives. The American public has never supported slaughter in this country or abroad. The idea of slaughtering companion animals is unacceptable, and most Americans consider their horses as such. There are countries that consume dogs and cats, but we do not allow the excess to be imported to other countries, who by the way slaughter them in the most barbaric ways. That is why The Dog and Cat Meat Trade Prohibition Act of 2018 (H.R. 6720) passed with a Bipartisan vote outlawing the slaughter and trade of cats & dogs in the United States. Over the years the public support has ranged from an average of 80% to most recently 98% of Americans oppose horse slaughter. The main reason members of Congress have not embraced the same type of bill for horses is because of powerful lobbyists for Big AG, and association's like AQHA.

America was built on the backs of horses literally. They are companions, therapy animals, athletes, work companions and pets. No animals deserve the cruel trip these horses go through. The other dark side of the slaughter pipeline is the "Kill Pen.". Too many horses are victims of overbreeding, theft, fraud, and brutality at the hands of "kill buyers." When California made shipping to slaughter illegal, horse theft reduced by 38%. Kill buyers do not hesitate to intimidate, threaten harm to advocates that call authorities, or who threaten expedited death of horses. The emotionally and financially blackmail advocates. Most kill buyers have criminal records and move state to state if they are convicted of crimes of shut down.

Kill buyers are predatory individuals who make their profit off the suffering of horses who have been discarded, abandoned & abused, simply find themselves in the wrong place at the wrong time. One of the saddest situations is owners who believe that the "Sale Barn", a place where people can trust their horse, who needs a new home, or a new purpose can find that. Today, Sale Barns are full of these unscrupulous profiteers. They deceive unsuspecting horse owners into believing they will find their animal a good home, when in fact their motives are purely economic. Instead, they will end up in a Kill lot to be fattened up to be bought by the pound by Slaughterhouses. The kill buyers, who get their orders from foreign meat companies, lurk at these facilities, and will lie, cheat, and steal to fill those orders. One tactic they employ is to carefully watch for good people – including horse rescues, many which are 501c3, non-profits and families looking for their next horse. There are many people who can and want to give these horses homes, but the kill buyers out bid them. They take that home away from them. It's emotional extortion, then the well intending home is heartbroken. If they have the additional funds, they will pay it to the kill buyer, to save the horses life. The kill buyers take a \$400 horse and

double and triple it. The kill buyers pocket the profit, which they use to bid on more horses. This is a vicious cycle. In other words, they prey not just on the horses themselves, but also on good people who are trying to keep horses from going to slaughter and those just trying to find their horse a new safe home and those who want to purchase a horse. Afterward the auction retired race & show horses, formerly wild mustangs, and discarded pet ponies, are just some of the backgrounds of the horses loaded onto crowded trailers. Some immediately for long journeys to slaughter plants in Canada or Mexico, where they die horrific deaths to be served up to diners in parts of the world where horse flesh is considered a delicacy. Others go to the kill lot, where they are fattened up to bring a max profit. The “new” Kill Pen money maker is to allow rescues to post and fundraise for those that are “marketable”. The USDA, in charge of inspecting & documenting horses shipped, has documented that 92 % of horses who end up slaughtered are in good condition and are able to live out a productive life.

There are advocates across North America, United Kingdom, and Italy that have joined the fight against kill buyers and slaughter. Advocates will raise money all day and night to save horses from kill pens under the threats of the kill buyers. A power point has been submitted from our organization that shows the process from the words of the advocates and the horses that are being saved from slaughter.

In 2019, the European Union discontinued receiving horse meat from Mexico and American horses because of the brutality the toxicity of the meat. In December 2021, Justin Trudeau mandated that his Department of Agriculture end the live shipment of horses to Asia for slaughter. 70% of horses slaughtered in Canada are American horses, and many of them are large draft horses or wild horses mustangs from our western state roundups.

It is a very different picture that gets painted to the public by organizations who are Pro Slaughter, including the AVMA. It's an ugly, predatory industry, and one that benefits only the kill buyers and the foreign meat companies. Americans are often shocked that horses are exploited and abused in this way, because we regard horses as our companions and partners in work, recreation, and sport, they helped build America literally. Some proponents of slaughter claim it is a “necessary evil,” but nothing could be further from the truth. They said when slaughter plants were shut down in America that the numbers of discarded horses would grow. It has declined over many years but rapidly since 2017. Due to many programs to help horse owners provide for their animals, including hay banks, training assistance, and gelding clinics. Rescues and sanctuaries take horses in need, and transition with networks of foster care providers. Many breed groups have retirement or second career programs. Many clubs like the Jockey Club and other racing organizations have joined the ban slaughter movement. There are even groups who help those that have a horse who deserves a dignified end to life and need assistance if their vet is too expensive.

One argument purports that the environment can't absorb the number of horses that might get put down due to banning slaughter. Horses shipping to slaughter in Mexico has decreased more than 60% since 2007 and American horses shipping to Canada is down 28%. There are more than 500 equine rescues and sanctuaries in this country. There are more than 40 organizations that offer a variety of grant assistance programs. USDA and other Federal agencies offer numerous rural development grants, as well. There are equine breeding associations that have breeding limits, and recently, The Jockey Club moved to impose breeding restrictions.

There is a need for therapy more than ever in the country and equine assisted psychotherapy has been labeled the most effective form of trauma therapy by the Veteran's Administration. There are five international Equine Therapy Associations that provide training for therapists. Congressman Andy Barr

has successfully advocated for grant funding for horses to provide therapy to our military veterans. Other forms of equine therapy provide physical and occupational therapy to the youngest of children to disabled adults. Equine therapy is a model that is cost effective and successful, cutting down on acute care costs. Insurance companies and Medicaid now cover Equine Assisted Psychotherapy. Many rescues that have saved kill pen horses provide these services, but the financial blackmail by kill buyers make it difficult to afford the high "bails (fees)" they set.

A survey conducted by A\*W\*E: Advocates for Wild Equines in November 2021, conducted among wild horse advocates and allied equine related groups, revealed strong support for the passage of the SAFE Act. The survey results are as follows:

98%. Support the SAFE Act, (banning the transport of equines for slaughter for human consumption)

98%. Support banning the transport of equines for slaughter for any purpose, both internationally and within the USA.

### **Management of Equines:**

69%. Support the concept of "Re-Wilding" as described in various management plans as the primary means of managing all excess equine populations including natural sanctuaries. "Rewilding is a type of ecological restoration that aims to restore natural dynamics and processes to ecosystems. Proponents of the approach say it has the potential to address both biodiversity loss and climate change" .Apr 11, 2022 <https://news.mongabay.com>

6%. Supported a combination of adoption and breeding prevention alone to manage excess equines

25% Supported a combination of the above, including sanctuaries.

0% supported slaughter for any purpose to manage excess equines

### **Population Demographics:**

37%. Age 30-60

63%. Age 61 +

95%. Female

5%. Male

28% Democrats

26%. Republicans

19%. Independent Party

2%. Green Party

24%. Not committed to a party

46%. Up to \$40,000

42%. \$40-\$100,000

13%. Over \$100,000

26%. High school/GED  
28%. Associates degree  
21%. Bachelor's Degree  
22%. Masters Degree+

The presence of equines on the land has been an important factor in the evolution of our native grasslands, forests, natural deserts and wild lands. Like the beaver, their presence on the land has been a part of the evolution of a thriving ecosystem needed to sustain the earth. One that mankind must strive to preserve and intentionally strive to re-create if we hope to live in an environment with clean air and water for future generations. Under the hand of humans, equines helped us conquer the wilderness. Now we will need their help again to restore those essential ecosystems that support all life on earth.

Returning equines to the remaining wild areas will help restore and preserve the land and water ways. Considering the recent wildfires in New Mexico, the Forest Service (May 20, 2022) has suspended prescribed burns and other fire prevention plans in the western states due to extreme fire risk. The lack of natural consumption of dry grass and undergrowth by native herbivores, as well as warning temperatures has left the land dry and full of combustible grasses and undergrowth.

Equines to the rescue! More than 50,000 "excess" equines inhabit holding facilities and feed lots, awaiting placement or shipment to slaughter. They can reduce the risk of wildfire without prescribed burns, by eating the dry grass and undergrowth that contribute to the extreme fire danger, and extremely hot fire conditions.

A bonus is that equines have a positive impact on the wilderness areas as they help maintain the native grasses by virtue of their uniquely designed digestive systems. They clear paths to difficult to access water sources for other native species, occasionally digging for water just under the surface. Equines were and still are in some areas a keystone species. A necessary component of the ecosystem. This is a Win, Win, Win situation for the planet, the equines and humanity. Re-wilding our equines will support a balanced ecosystem and healthier planet. Transporting equines to slaughter echoes the "throw away" mentality that governs extraction industries and contributes to degradation of the ecosystem. Pass the SAFE Act and solve the problem rather than creating more problems.

For all these reasons, Advocates for Wild Equines National Grassroots Coalition is respectfully requesting that the SAFE Act be marked up to the house floor for a vote. It is time to end the suffering of American horses and your constituents.





# Save America's Forgotten Equine Act

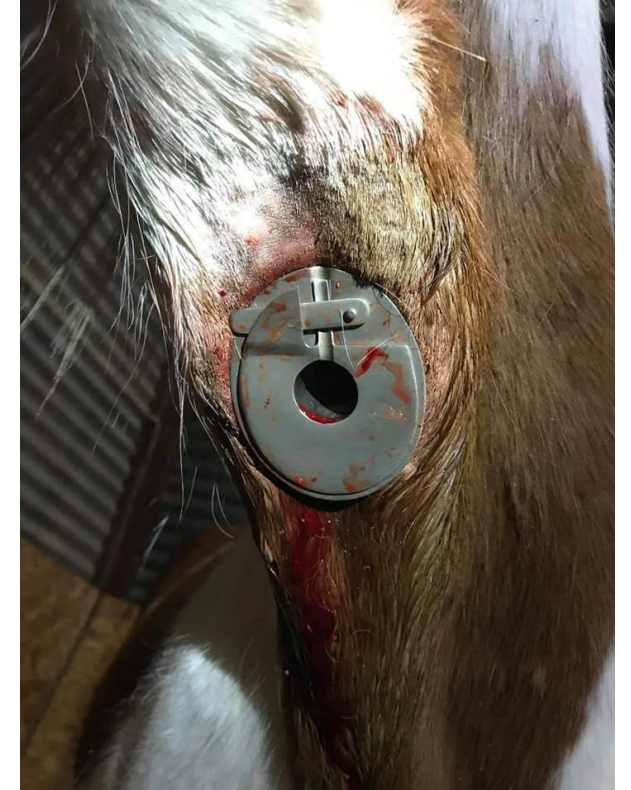
HR 3355 House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee

Sponsor: Rep. Janice Shakowsky D



# Norma and unborn baby: Fabrizzius kill pen

- #1 Echo/Norma mother and daughter both heavily pregnant came into Fabrizzius Kill Pen from an auction in Nebraska LOADED WITH TICKS and both had strangles. The younger mare Echo was so bad she couldn't breathe and had to have a Tracheotomy done. Both were seen by 2 vets at university level and labeled with BCS (BODY CONDITION SCORE) of 1. These were both going to slaughter for human consumption with their full-term foals ONBOARD. 22 days from giving birth to (a colt) she would have been on the kill floor.





He is in very bad shape.

Not only is he emaciated, he has fresh scars all over from the harness, and has scar tissue from previous abuse, he also has only half a tongue left.

What kind of hell did this horse come from??

He is in the direct ship pen. That means we don't have a lot of time.

This is not the best time for us to take on such an expensive challenge, but we just can't let him die in the slaughter plant. He has been treated so badly, he needs to have some comfort and joy in his life. I want to give him that.

Please help us save him. The kb has not told us his bail yet.

We are estimating it is going to cost 3000 to pay for him, vet him, and feed him 💜💜💜

Our pay pal is amykelly52591@yahoo.com

Thank you everyone for donating what you can. It's been a long time since a horse abused so badly has brought tears to my eyes.



### Kansas Kill Pen

The narrative is a social media post that is run by advocates and rescues. The post will go out to hundreds of advocates that will support a rescue effort financially and logistically. This kind of post is done on every single kill pen horse that comes to the attention of advocates 24 hours per day. This is traumatizing to advocates and creates an emotional crisis for many.

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This is an example of a fundraising post done for a kill pen horse. These are done by advocates all day and all night!

“950 for a mare in This condition is outrageous! So! Let us be OUTRAGEOUS & get her outta here, Promptly like ASAP.

Good nutrition, basic care she will be restored to her Beauty. “Marlow’s Miracle” needs a MIRACLE !!

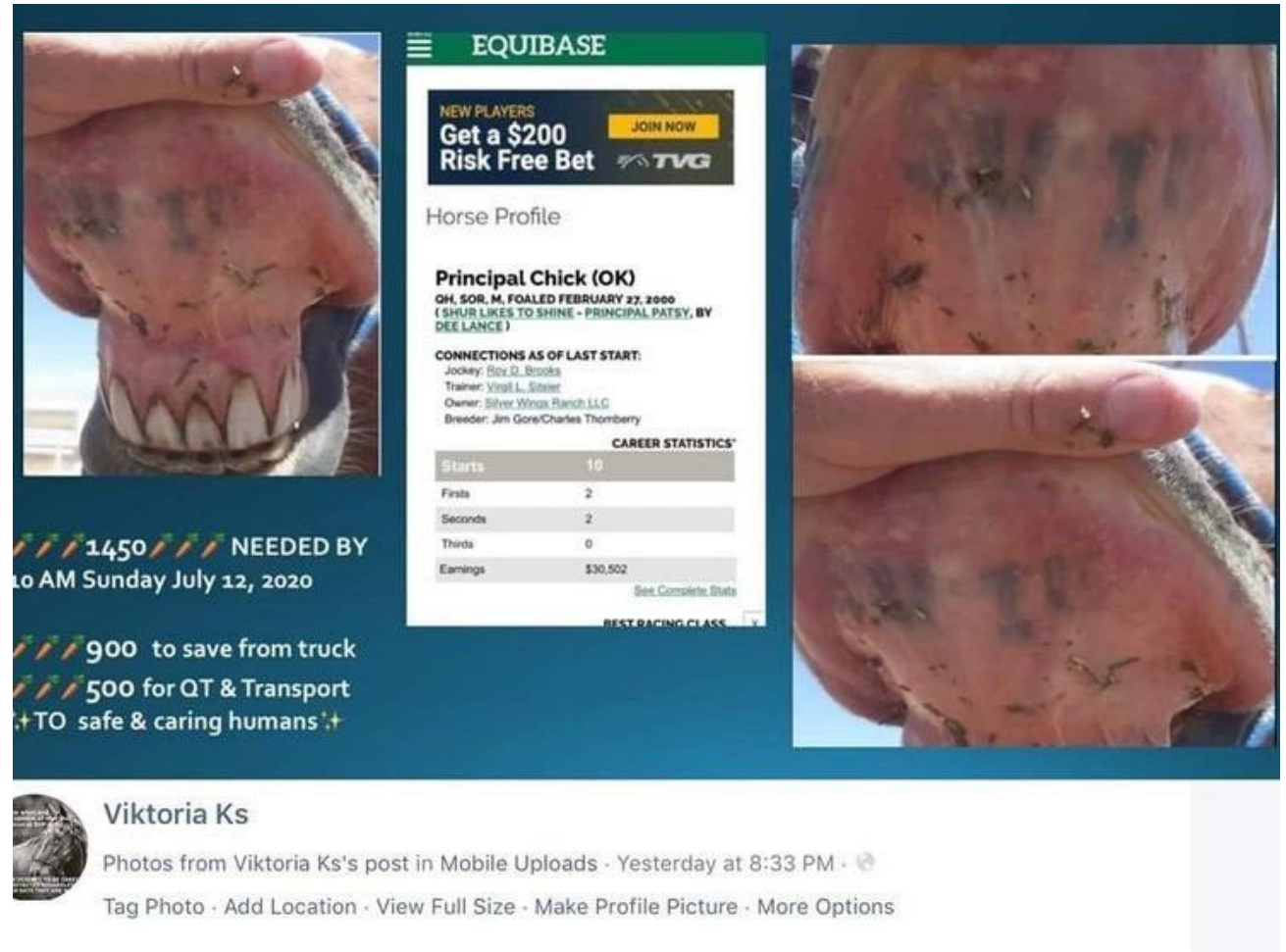
She’s 20 Years Old: SKINNY & INJURED

A FORMER WINNING RACE MARE

NEEDS SAVED BY 10 AM (MT) TOMORROW

SUNDAY JULY 12th 2020

She has wonderful sanctuary waiting for her!”



The image is a screenshot of a Facebook post. At the top, there are two side-by-side photos of a horse's head, showing its teeth and gums. The horse appears to be in poor health. In the center, there is a screenshot of an Equibase horse profile for 'Principal Chick (OK)'. The profile includes the following information:

- Principal Chick (OK)**
- OH, SOR, M, FOALD FEBRUARY 27, 2000
- (SHUR LIKES TO SHINE - PRINCIPAL PATSY, BY DEE LANCE)
- CONNECTIONS AS OF LAST START:**
- Jockey: Box D. Brooks
- Trainer: Vasil L. Sitler
- Owner: Silver Wood Ranch LLC
- Breeder: Jim Gore/Charles Thornberry

Below the profile information is a 'CAREER STATISTICS' table:

CAREER STATISTICS*	
Starts	10
Firsts	2
Seconds	2
Thirds	0
Earnings	\$30,502

Below the table, there is a link 'See Complete Stats' and a 'RACE RACING CLASS' button. At the bottom of the post, there is a fundraising goal: '1450 NEEDED BY 10 AM Sunday July 12, 2020'. Below this, there are three lines of text with carrot icons: '900 to save from truck', '500 for QT & Transport', and 'TO safe & caring humans'. The post is by 'Viktoria Ks' and was posted 'Yesterday at 8:33 PM'. There are options to 'Tag Photo', 'Add Location', 'View Full Size', 'Make Profile Picture', and 'More Options'.

**Example of advocate fundraising group post to inform the community he made it to safety.**

- Winner of 232,396 LITTLE MICHAEL B
- left the pen last night. He is hurting.
- Video taken in the morning in Quarantine.
- Vet has been scheduled for tomorrow.
- It's his shoulder which is swollen, legs are ok.
- THANK YOU all who helped him, and let's pray that he does not have a fatal injury.
- Send him healing thoughts please.



“These 2 came into the Thompsons Kp. They are severely neglected!”

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- Mother and Foal in the Thompson’s Kill pen, in Texas.
- This kill pen was shut down by the state of Louisiana after advocates collected evidence over a 2-year period, in which they risked their lives to do.
- They were running racehorses off the Florida and Louisiana tracks into their kill pen.
- Racing commission and federal departments finally agreed to get involved.
- In two weeks, this notorious kill buyer bought new property in Trout, Texas.



# North Texas Kill Pen

- This is my sisters horse Chance aka “Just a Cut Above”..rescued from North Texas Killpen. He was emaciated covered in rain rot, had abscesses in two hooves, in short in very bad shape. When the lady that picked Chance up to take to Qt said there were horses crammed in a pen most in bad shape..saying maybe the few "good ones" had just got there .she said..while she was there cause was taking awhile..she said they had about twelve horses in a pen and they where thrown one bail of hay for them all to eat. When I called down there to talk to Mike about bailing Just a Cut Above..he was screaming and yelling about having to feed these horses...this man lives in a mansion..go figure.







Why isnt the neglect issue from prior owners being held accountable? This is against the law. I'm sharing for safety. PLEASE do not direct ship, let us help them get safe!

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**The quote of an advocate above that illustrates the daily emotional blackmail and the constant pleading with "killbuyers" that hold the horses and advocates hostage. This is hundreds of times per week that advocates due the job that Congress can do, with one stroke of a pen.**

## North Texas Kill Pen

“Here are 3 of the minis from Texas. All 3 starving. The oldest, only 4 when he arrived, was so weak I had to hold him up for the first 3 days, sleeping in the stall with them to get them through. 2 rounds of exceed each. TONS of love and good food.

Feet weren't terribly bad; don't think they had ever been done by the way they acted.

We went slow with re-feeding program just to make sure they didn't have adverse reactions to food.”





## Kansas Kill Pen, Tx

- 1 of 7 OTTB
- Severe case of strangles!
- (OTTB = Off the track thoroughbred)
- (strangles = highly contagious infection found in unsanitary living conditions with large numbers of horses/ 40% mortality rate)



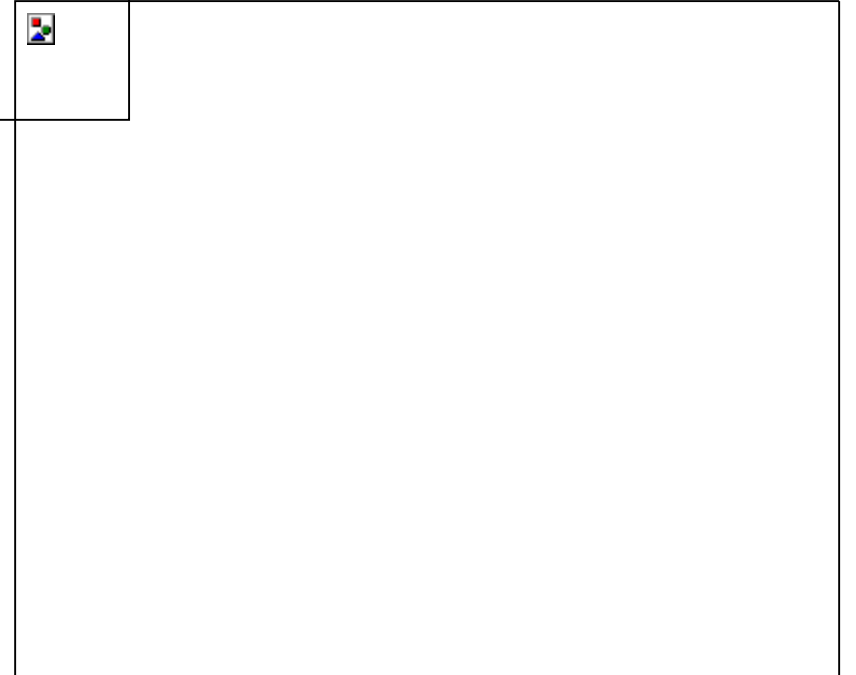
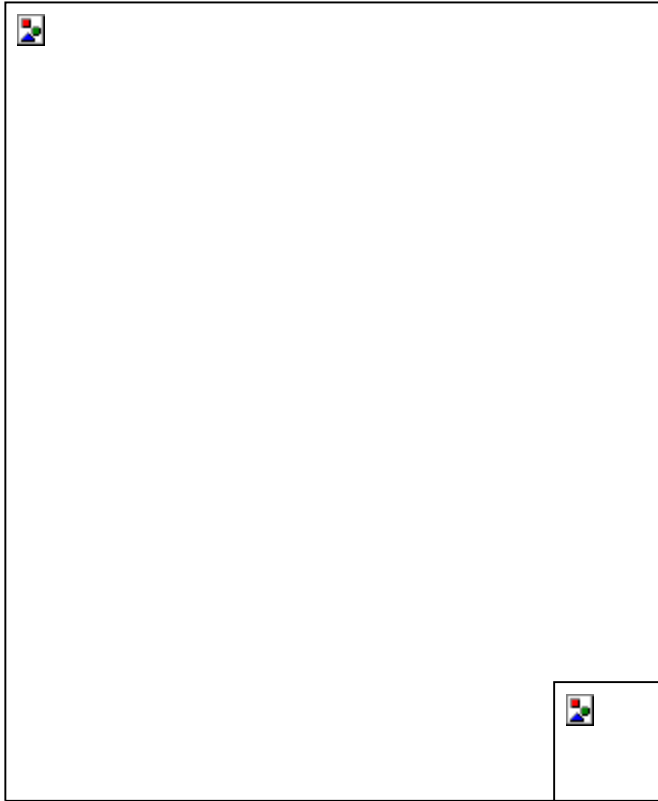
“This guy was out of Louisiana. Unfortunately, due to his feet, he got worse before he got better...and even after the vet and farrier told me to put him down, he survived, he is strong and healthy, and he is now rideable!!” A quote by the rescue.



## Kaufman Kill Pen: Texas

“Out of Northern Texas (Kaufman KP). He and the boy I got with him were filled with infection and had been badly beaten up. Amazing buckskin with such a sweet temperament. No excuse for how he was treated. He was a little thin, but not too bad. Aslan is with a new home now, and no doubt, he is a favorite on the farm,” stated the rescue that saved Aslan and another from this kill pen.”

He is now “Aslan”





## Kaufman Kill Pen: Texas

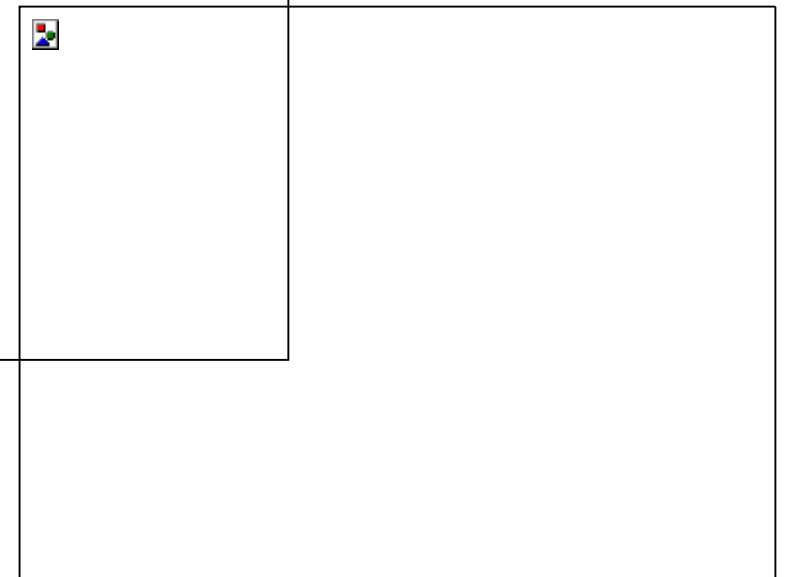
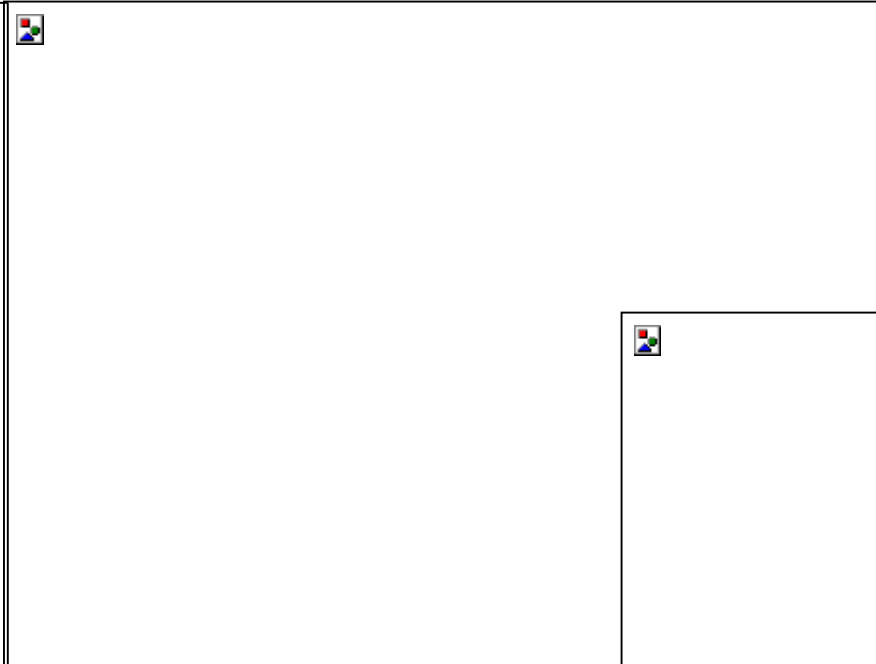
### He is now "Aragon"

This beautiful Grey was rescued with Aslan. In fact, I had sent in my transporter / QT to pick up Aragon and she called me and refused to leave without Aslan because he was so beat up and Aragon was protecting him. So...I quickly came up with the funds to rescue Aslan too. Aragon was also cut up and his stranglers was even worse than Aslan. Having an amazing QT in Texas was the only thing that saved him. He would have not made it all the way to South Carolina without her work with him. Thankfully, they were homed together. I really wanted to bring them both home to me (Grey's are my favorite!!), but the right home came up, and I was so happy they could stay together.

The words of the rescue that saved them just to give them a chance rather than suffer a horrific death alone, as so many advocates do everyday.

**From the Kansas Kill pen. “Terrible case of strangles. Broke with them twice...”**

**From the Kansas pen. “So sick when I brought her home! Lived 2 days. Posted this poor girl and she died of Bastard Strangles.”**



# Fabrizius Kill Pen: Colorado

(Known for horrific treatment of horses, and threats of brutality towards advocates who attempt to turn them in). The narrative below is an example of a fundraising group post and update. The groups spend 24 hrs a day trying to save the horses. There are dozens of groups across North America.

😱😱😱 DUDLEY DIED AT THE LOT  
UNFORTUNATELY WE WE DID NOT GET  
DONATIONS IN TIME  
❤️❤️ 100 \$ match challenge everything matched up  
to 100❤�  
PayPal: <https://paypal.me/pools/c/8rQ8DXTn0K>  
DUDLEY IS A OLD LAME STARVING STUD THAT  
HAS BEEN DUMPED !!!! 😱😱 please help us get  
him out of here !!!  
Bail price :500  
Lot name :Fabrizius  
Location:Eaton Colorado  
Original post :  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/761127827740561/permalink/938113496708659/>  
Deadline :Sunday







## Smart N Holy (LA)

TB, CH, F, FOALD MAY 18, 2016  
( [SMART SHERIF](#) - [HOLY ELLIE](#), BY [HOLY STING](#) )

### CONNECTIONS AS OF LAST START:

Jockey: [Kevin Deaville](#)  
Trainer: [Jake E. Leger](#)  
Owner: [Taminy Doucet](#)  
Breeder: [Jake E. Leger](#)

### 2020 STATISTICS\*

Starts	4
Firsts	0
Seconds	0
Thirds	0
Earnings	\$0

### CAREER STATISTICS\*

Starts	9
Firsts	0
Seconds	0

## Off the track Thoroughbreds: Louisiana Kill Pen:

Advocates spend hours researching and identifying racehorses in kill pens to give them the best chance at survival.

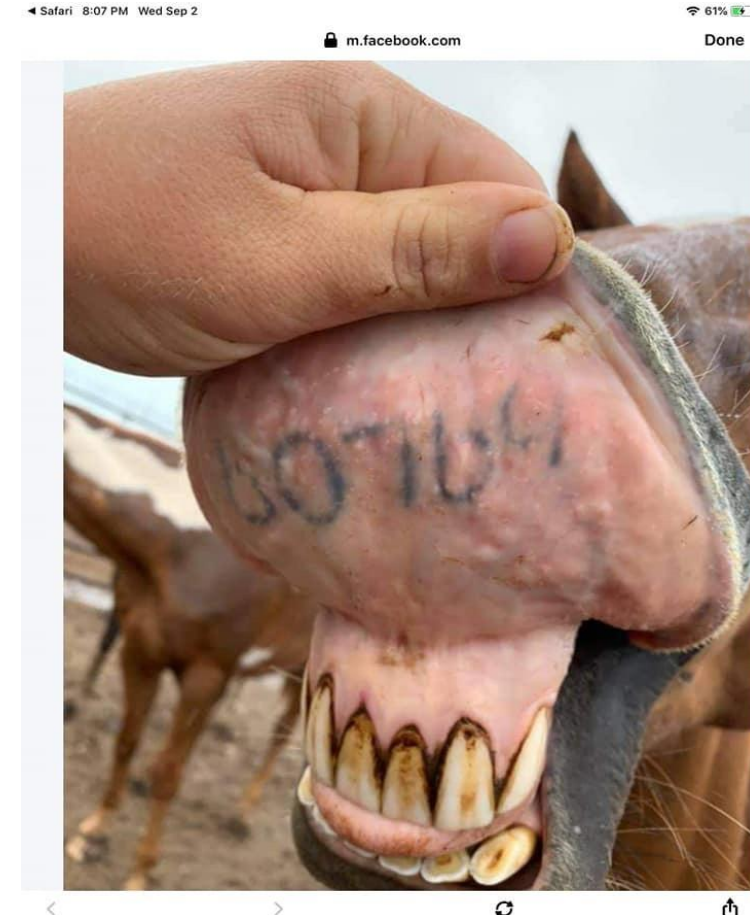
- [Louisiana Department Of Agriculture Requests Restraining Order Against Kill Pen Operation](#)
- 08.07.2020: Advocates spent two years building evidence against this kill pen. They were shut down in Louisiana just to open up a kill pen in Trout, Texas the same month.
- [The Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry and the Louisiana Board of Animal Health have filed documents in court to limit the operations a well-known bail pen in the state. The two state agencies filed a petition for temporary restraining order, as well as a request for a preliminary and a permanent injunction against Gary Thompson and his son Jacob Thompson, both parish of Vernon, to stop buying and selling livestock.](#)

**"JANE DOE-KS KP-DECEASED:"** (the typical emotional trauma and crises inflicted by killbuyers with regularity)

"\*\*contacted me this morning if i could take the horse. She has since died...

Funds can be transferred the the mare she came in with leaving a remaining balance of..... SENIOR QH MARE in rough shape POSSIBLY Bred (pregnant): Ships (to Mexico for slaughter) first thing in morning. Must get her held by tonight!

DIRECT SHIP IN THE MORNING"... **Kansas Kill Pen. This is a kill pen lot.**





The mare was said to have fell on a feeder and the gelding was injured on a semi coming to the kill pen!

"UPDATE: WE GOT THEIR BAIL! HEADED TO GET THEM NOW!  
Vet appointment is first thing in the morning.  
But Please if you can help Us save these two badly injured horses at the Peabody Kansas kill pen. They will go to Greenwood Stables & Equine rescue where they will be seen by a vet.

The mare needs pieces of bone removed and I'm sure she'll need regular check ups for weeks. The gelding need surgery on his face to try and save the eye plus lots of antibiotics.  
It will take lots of care and time to help these two recover but Greenwood Stables is willing to help them!!!

# Kansas Kill Pen



**North Carolina Kill**  
**Pen: Tarheel Feedlot:** (owner is convicted animal cruelty offender in NY state. Researched by advocates ).

- “We have a beautiful soul that needed an intervention. Cinder as we call her was in a Kill pen in North Carolina. The situation was so dyer that several of us realized she needed to be immediately pulled to save her life.
- \*\*\*She has a body score of 1 and a respiratory infection. She is being given the proper feed, hay and medical attention that she needs. A balance is still owed to her kill buyer in less than a week. We are currently helping to raise funds to keep the agreement that was made to swiftly get her to an experienced quarantine provider if the monies were paid on time.” A quote from the rescue.

**“SAFE”**

“EMERGENCY This is Susannah. She needs medical attention immediately! She has a foster home with vet on standby. She is in Bastrop, Louisiana in a kill pen. She will ship to Mexico where she will be rejected and placed in a pen with no care left to die slowly. This is a horrible situation, and we need to act fast We need to help raise 500 and send to kill pen so she can leave ASAP.”... (written by a lead of a fundraising group).

- **This is what is known as a “fundraising post.” This will circulate to hundreds of equine advocates until the horse is paid for, saved and placed with a rescue.**
- **Advocates have spent their retirement accounts, pay checks, bill money, and exhausted credit cards to save every horse, even it is to provide euthanasia for a peaceful, loving and dignified death.**

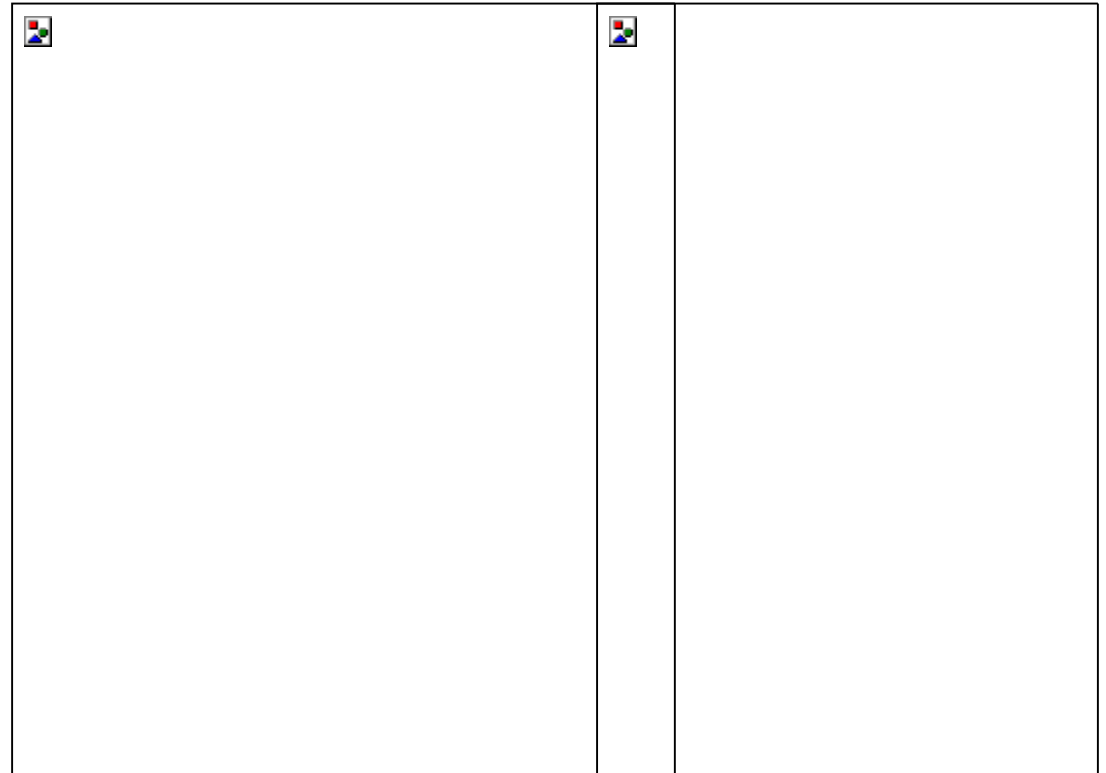
“SHOWED UP UNDER THE RADAR...NEVER POSTED ONLINE. There were 3 other BLM mustangs adopted by this adopter and dumped...the other 3 have not been located as of yet. This one was signed off by a "well known licensed vet in Texas before title was issued in Texas"!!”

## BLM Mustang

### Bastrop Kill Pen, LA



After her rescue, in Quarantine. She is alive and recovering. Advocates from around the country contributed to her rescue and care, while the BLM continues to be funded to round up Mustangs. BLM rounded up mustangs are in kill pens by the dozens every week. She has been given the name “Beauty.”



Horse Plus Humane Society rescued this Bureau of Land Management Mustang. He was given a dignified and peaceful death in a safe and loving environment instead of a trailer ride to Mexico to slaughter.





Many reservations let breeding go ramped and when population is out of control, they roundup, sell there horses and most end up at slaughter and under the radar! Tribes include but not limited to: Navajo, Warm Springs, Yakima, Chippewa, Fort McDermott Shoshone, Nevada. Chippewa Cree tribe foal euthanized mare went to Risen from the Ashes...





Slaughter  
Killbox Photo

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# Slaughter Plant

# Slaughter of a Pregnant mare

The foals are left to die on the kill pen floor, if they aren't already dead.

IT IS LEGAL FOR PREGNANT MARES TO GO TO SLAUGHTER, END UP ON THE KILL FLOOR AND THEIR BABIES CUT OUT OF THEM & LEFT TO DIE ON THE KILL FLOOR!



Suicide  
Depression  
Severe Anxiety  
Panic Attacks  
Bankruptcy  
Assault  
Threat  
Intimidation  
Coercion

## The Cost to Advocates:

**You have the power to end the suffering of horses and your constituents. Pass the SAFE Act, HR3355! Human and Equine lives depend on you.**

Submitted by Broken Arrow Equine Rescue,  
30 years of equine protection,  
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