

# Speak Up For Horses

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## NEWSLETTER

### Kentucky did it again in 2010:

The best state to be an animal abuser!

According to the latest study by the Animal Legal Defense Fund, Kentucky once again ranks last in the nation regarding animal protection laws. Click on the [Full Report](#) to read more or find the link on our Home page.



### Pro Slaughter groups are once again working on legislation to re-establish slaughter houses in the U.S.

The recent "Summit of the Horse" in Las Vegas was attended by entities and individuals who are discussing new ways to bring horse slaughter plants back into our country. Currently over 100,000 U.S. horses are being shipped to Canada or Mexico annually to be slaughtered for human consumption in foreign countries. One of the driving forces behind these efforts is Sue Wallis, a member of the Wyoming House of Representatives. In other states agricultural interests are equally pressuring their representatives and more anti-horse legislation is being introduced at an alarming rate.

Likewise, the **KY Equine Health and Welfare Board**, which was formed last year, is made up of members from the State Agricultural arena and horse industry interests, most of them pro-slaughter. When attending the first meeting our initial negative feeling about the formation of this board was confirmed. Once again it is about the horse industry not what's best for the horse. The board members refer to discarded horses from the industry as a by-product. Their plan is to pass a **minimum** standard of equine care into law. This minimum is too low. With some counties already having regulations in place that exceed Kentucky's current minimum standards, those would be overruled. This board is recommending legislative changes to the Livestock Board which will affect all horses in KY in a negative manner.

Once again we have our work cut out for us and we urge all of our supporters and horse welfare advocates to be diligent in the future. Not everything that looks good at first glance is meant to protect our horses. Please continue to educate friends, family and others that horse slaughter has not ended. Almost every day we find people who are under the false impression that anti slaughter laws have passed in this country and that our horses are now safe.

Please support us by using [www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com) . Enter **Speak Up For Horses** in the selection of the charity you want to support. Speak Up For Horses receives a penny for each search you conduct. And when shopping online you can search for your vendor through Goodsearch; by entering their store through the link hi-lighted in yellow we will receive a percentage of your purchase donated to our cause. It's a fun and easy way to show us your support throughout the year.

## Lucky 48 update:

In this newsletter we would like to feature some of our adopted horses in their new homes.



**Flicka** who looked like she was ready to give birth for months actually held off for quite some time. In her adoptive home she was spoiled rotten, served icy cold water in the summer heat and finally gave birth to a beautiful colt on August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010. At three months old Briar was almost as tall as his mom.



**Scooter** and **Bruce** are living together in a wonderful home, being able to grow up enjoying their youth as best friends. Both are excited to experience snow for the first time in their young life.



Our sweet mare **Beauty**, now named Roxy, not only gave birth to a healthy colt, but she has also received training to be a riding horse. She seems to have found her calling under saddle after being used as a broodmare for such a long time.



**Red**, now named Tanner, has become his adopter's favorite horse. Tanner has been going on day long trail rides and camping trips and shows to have no fear of any new experiences. He loves to please and is as smart as they come. Michael had him under saddle in two weeks. From an untouchable stallion to a bomb proof gelding. It can't get any better.

All of our babies at the rescue have been weaned and are available for adoption.



Gus



Ruby



Simon

With 17 horses at the rescue waiting for new homes we really need some help with the huge expenses of hay, feed, bedding, farrier and vet care. Please consider a donation to Speak Up For Horses so we can assure the very best care for our beloved charges. All donations are tax deductible.

We would like to thank the **Bluegrass Brewing Company** in Louisville for offering us their wonderful establishment to hold a fundraiser for our horses. Our volunteers gave their all to make this a fun filled afternoon with lots of friends and a fantastic Bluegrass band. If you haven't enjoyed BBC's terrific food and handcrafted assortment of beers, you should spoil yourself with a visit to one of their three locations.

## 2011

In the new year we will continue to educate across the state of Kentucky by offering our education program to county officials, law enforcement and animal control officers. We will monitor all new legislation that effects our horse population and act to prevent a negative impact.

Please consider a much needed donation to support our horses and our mission to better the lives of the equines that are falling through the cracks more than ever. All donations are tax deductible.

THANK YOU!



*Ed, Shelly, Annie, Paulette and Terry*

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