

Newsletter

Was this the strangest winter or what? Temperatures were competing with the ups and downs of a rollercoaster and Kentucky even made the national news: The ice storm pretty much shut down the entire Commonwealth. Power outages for weeks and many trees fell victim to the heavy ice.

Totally oblivious to what amenities their humans had to do without were our beloved horses. Their daily care never seized.



Keep Them At Home Hay Fund

We want to thank everyone for their continued support of our hay fund. We have been able to help several families who have either fallen on temporary hard times or encountered an emergency.

Their horses will be receiving hay for the next two months, by which time pasture grasses should be coming back in.

All donations earmarked for our hay fund will be helping deserving Kentucky horses like the two beauties pictured below:



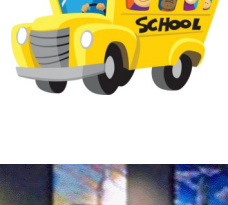
We are thrilled to announce that Paulette Wachtel has joined our Speak Up For Horses Board.

Paulette has been volunteering for Speak Up for the last two years and has become an invaluable and driven advocate for our horses and our cause.



Sadly Ginger Rood has resigned from our board due to time constraints. Huge thanks go out to her for sharing her wealth of knowledge with our team over the past few years.

Education Program



Whew, winter is over and we can hit the road again.

We've received calls from several Counties, which would love to take advantage of our program in 2009.

Our first trip took us to Leitchfield and officials from four counties were in attendance. It was a very lively meeting with many questions, personal experiences from investigations and several solutions were found to better proceed in horse neglects cases.

Counties who have benefited from attending our program in the past, are now reporting making headway in their communities. **Yeah for the horses!**



A huge thank you goes out to Meredith King

of Florida.

For her seventh birthday she requested all her friends and family make a donation to

Speak Up For Horses in lieu of presents for herself.

This young lady is truly an inspiration and a daughter her

parents can be very, very proud of.

THANK YOU

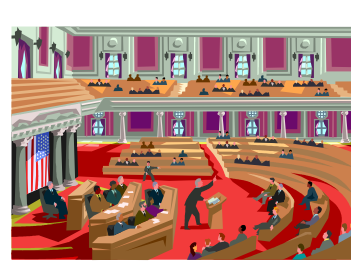
Legislation

HR 503

January 15, 2009 - A bipartisan coalition of lawmakers has introduced legislation to ban the slaughter of American horses for human consumption overseas, as well as the export of American horses to other countries for slaughter.

We can all do our part by contacting our representatives urging them to co-sponsor HR 503.

Finding your representative is easy at <http://www.visi.com/juan/congress/>



S 727

The Landrieu-Ensign "Prevention of Equine Cruelty Act" was introduced in the United States Senate on March 26, 2009. This bill is the Senate version of HR 503 in the House.

Please contact your senators and urge them to co-sponsor S 727.

HR 305

the Horse Transportation Safety Act, which will put an end to all transports of horses on double decked trailers, was introduced this session.

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NOT SO GOOD NEWS:



Idaho has joined the list of states pondering legislation aimed at

maintaining control of equine transport and re-establishing the

horse processing industry in the United States.

Introduced into Idaho's House State Affairs Committee by State

Rep. Thomas F. Loertscher, HJM 005 instructs Idaho's congressional delegation

to vote against the Conyers-Burton Prevention of Equine Cruelty Act (HR 503).

The federal measure would impose a nationwide ban on the transport of horses

for slaughter.

Resolutions similar to Idaho's have passed in:

- Kansas (HCR 5004)
- South Dakota (SCR 2)
- Utah (HJR 7)
- Wyoming (HJR 8)

Similar resolutions are pending in:

- Arizona (SCM 1001)
- Minnesota (SF 133)
- North Dakota (HB 1496)
- Arkansas (HCR 1004)
- Missouri (House, HCR 19; Senate, SCR 8)

Meanwhile, legislators in the following states are considering bills that would

amend current state laws to promote the development of horse slaughter plants

by private investors:

- Illinois (HB 0583) - did not pass
- Montana (HB 418) - passed
- Tennessee (HB 1361)

Obviously our voices to keep our horses from going to slaughter are being heard. The opposition is fighting hard to prevent us from succeeding. Pro slaughter organizations are spending tens of thousands of dollars for lobbyists to keep this barbaric practice alive.

While we may not have the funds to hire lobbyists on our horses' behalf, we are stronger in numbers and will not succumb to these attempts of derailing our efforts.

Please continue to Speak Up For our Horses !

Thank you for all your support!

