



March 6, 2006

Dear Representative:

RE: American Horse Slaughter Prevention Act

We urge you to **SUPPORT** the American Horse Slaughter Prevention Act (H.R. 503) introduced by Congressman John Sweeney (R-NY), co-chair of the Congressional Horse Caucus, Congressman John Spratt (D-SC) and Congressman Ed Whitfield (R-KY) to prevent the slaughter of horses in the US and prohibit their export for the same purpose. The American Horse Slaughter Prevention Act will put an end to an extremely cruel practice, which claims all breeds, ages, sizes and conditions of horse. The majority of Americans, horse industry organizations, veterinarians and horse owners are outraged that our horses are being brutally slaughtered and want the practice to end. We strongly support this amendment, and are pleased to provide any assistance we can to ensure its swift passage into law.

Sincerely,

Christopher J. Heyde
Executive Director

**SUPPORTERS OF THE
AMERICAN HORSE SLAUGHTER PREVENTION ACT**

National Humane Groups

American Horse Defense Fund
American Humane Association
American Sanctuary Association
The American Standardbred Adoption Program, Inc.
American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals
Animal Legal Defense Fund
Animal Protection Institute
Association of Veterinarians for Animal Rights
Doris Day Animal League
Episcopal Network for Animal Welfare
The Fund for Animals
Habitat for Horses
Hooved Animal Humane Society
The Humane Society of the United States
The Progressive Animal Welfare Society
The National Humane Education Society (NHES)

National Humane Groups (con't)

Society for Animal Protective Legislation
United Equine Foundation
United States Equine Sanctuary & Rescue
Wild Horse and Burro Freedom Alliance
World Society for the Protection of Animals

Celebrity Supporters

Shane Barbi-Wahl
Sia Barbi
Barbara Bosson
Bruce Boxleitner
Jeff Bridges
Christie Brinkley
Rita Coolidge
John Corbett
Alex Cord
Catherine Crier, *Court TV*
James Cromwell
Tony and Jill Curtis
Ellen DeGeneres
Ron Delsener - *Ron Delsener Presents*
Bo Derek
Clint Eastwood
Mike Epps
Will Estes
Shelley Fabares
Morgan Fairchild
Mike Farrell
Morgan Freeman
Kinky Friedman
Melissa Gilbert
Whoopi Goldberg
Jane Goodall, PhD.
Merv Griffin
Arlo Guthrie
Merle Haggard
Jack Hanna, Director Emeritus, Columbus Zoo and Aquarium, Columbus, Ohio
Daryl Hannah
Tess Harper
Tippi Hedren
Laura Hillenbrand - author of *Seabiscuit*
George Jones
Ashley Judd
Toby Keith
Eddie Kilroy, Program Director, "*Hank's Place*" XM 13
Carole King
Kris Kristofferson
Chief Arvol Looking Horse - *19th generation keeper of the White Buffalo Calf Pipe Bundle and holds the responsibility of spiritual leader among the Lakota, Dakota and Nakota People*
George Lopez
Mrs. Roger (Mary) Miller

Celebrity Supporters (con't)

Steve Miller

Mary Tyler Moore

Sir Paul McCartney

Ali McGraw

Jesse & Joy McReynolds of Jim & Jesse and the Virginia Boys - *Entertainer, Member of the Grand Ole Opry, Bluegrass Music legend*

Connie Nelson - *Outlaw Management*

Willie Nelson

Alexandra Paul

The late Richard and Jennifer Lee Pryor

Keith Richards

Kid Rock

Theresa Russell

Paul Sorvino

Mira Sorvino

Bernie Taupin

Billy Bob Thornton

Rob Thomas

Marisol Thomas

Shania Twain

Ken Wahl

Dwight Yoakam

National Industry Organizations

Akindale Farm (NY)

The American Holsteiner Horse Association, Inc.

The American Sulphur Horse Association

American Indian Horse Registry

Arizona Racing Commission

Blue Horse Charities (KY)

Churchill Downs Incorporated (KY, IL, FL)

Eaton & Thorne (NY)

Eaton Sales, Inc.

Fasig-Tipton Company, Inc. (KY, NY, FL, TX)

Gainesway Farm

Hambletonian Society, Inc.

Horse Connection magazine

Hughs Management

Iowa Racing and Gaming Commission

Keeneland Association Inc.

Living Legends Magazine

Magna Entertainment Corp.

National Show Horse Registry

National Steeplechase Association, Inc.

National Thoroughbred Racing Association

Natural Horse Magazine

New Jersey Racing Commission

New Jersey Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association

New York Racing Association

New York State Thoroughbred Racing and Development Fund Corporation

New York Thoroughbred Breeders, Inc.

National Industry Organizations (con't)

Ocala Breeder's Sales Company (OBS)
 Palomino Horse Association, Int.
 Racetrack Chaplaincy of America
 Thoroughbred Racing Protective Bureau
 Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation (KY, VA, FL, NY, NJ)
 Virginia Thoroughbred Association
 United States Eventing Association
 The United States Harness Writers Association
 Walnut Hall Limited (KY)

Horse Industry and Business Leaders

Joe L. Allbritton - Owner, Lazy Lane Farms, Inc.
 Peggy Augustus - Keswick Farm
 Gary Biszantz – Owner, Cobra Farm; Founder, Cobra Golf Clubs
 Niall and Stephanie Brennan - Niall Brennan Stables
 Alex Campbell - Chairman, Shakertown & Triangle Foundation
 W. Cothran "Cot" Campbell – Dogwood Stables
 Norman Casse, Chairman of the Ocala Breeder's Sales Company (OBS)
 W.A. "Jimmy" Croll, Jr - Thoroughbred racing Hall of Fame trainer
 Nick and Jaqui de Meric - Nick de Meric Bloodstock
 Nina DiSesa - Chairman, McCann Erickson New York
 Richard L. Duchossois – Chairman, Arlington Park
 Tracy & Carol Farmer - Shadowlawn Farm
 John Fort - Peachtree Racing Stable
 John Gaines - the late founder of the Breeder's Cup World Thoroughbred Championship
 GaWaNi Pony Boy
 Arthur & Staci Hancock – Stone Farm - Owners/Breeders of two Kentucky Derby Winners.
 Gato Del Sol (1982) and Sunday Silence (1989)
 Dell Hancock - Claiborne Farm
 Randy Hartley - Hartley/De Renzo Thoroughbreds
 Charles E. Hayward - President & CEO, New York Racing Association, Inc.
 Summerfield "Skeet" Johnston - ex-Chairman and CEO of Coca-Cola Enterprises
 John Hettinger – Owner, Akindale Farm, Principal stockholder Fasig-Tipton Co, Inc.,
 Chairman Emeritus Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation, Trustee NY Racing
 Association
 Reiley McDonald – Partner, Eaton Sales
 Robert McNair - Owner, Stonerside Farms; Owner, Houston Texans
 Nick Nicholson - President and Chief Executive Officer, Keeneland Association
 Paul Oreffice, former Chairman, Dow Chemical Co. Inc.
 John & Carol Oxley – Owners of Monarchos, 2001 Kentucky Derby winner
 Leonard Riggio - Founder & Chairman, Barnes & Noble, Inc.
 Richard Santulli - Chairman, Net Jets
 Barry Schwartz - Co-founder, Calvin Klein, Inc.
 J.V. Shields, Jr. - Managing Director and Chairman of Shields & Company
 George Steinbrenner - Owner, New York Yankees
 George Strawbridge, Jr
 Stuart Subotnick - General Partner and Chief Operation Officer, Metro Media
 Dan and Jocelyn Sumerel - Sumerel Training and Therapy
 Becky Thomas - Sequel Bloodstock

Horse Industry and Business Leaders (con't)

Daniel P. Tully - former CEO, Merrill Lynch & Company

D.G. Van Clief, Jr. – NTRA Commissioner, CEO & Breeders' Cup President

Donna Ward

Marylou Whitney and John Hendrickson – owners of Birdstone, 2004 Belmont Stakes winner

Russell Williams - VP, Hanover Shoe Farm

William Ziff, Jr. - Ziff Brothers Investments

Nick Zito - Two-time Kentucky Derby Winning and Hall of Fame trainer

Arizona

Conquistador Equine Rescue Program (In Defense of Animals)

Equine Voices Rescue & Sanctuary

Hacienda de los Milagros, Inc.

Humane Education Club - Barry Goldwater High School (Phoenix)

In Defense of Animals At Arizona State University (Student Organization)

Keepers of the Wild

Superstition Horse Ranch

Wildhorse Ranch Rescue

California

Access Nurses

California Equine Retirement Foundation

Cooper Racing (Carol Cooper) - Qtr Horse Breeding, Training and Layups

East Bay Animal Advocates

The Piedra Foundation

Tranquility Farm

Colorado

Colorado Horse Rescue

Love Can't Wait Pony Rescue

Lucky Three Ranch, Inc.

Political Voice for Animals

Project Equus

Connecticut

The Humane Organization Representing Suffering Equines (H.O.R.S.E.) of Connecticut, Inc.

Florida

Retirement Home for Horses

Georgia

Big Sky Farm - Quarter Horse boarding and breeding facility

Georgia Equine Rescue League

Magic Hollow Farms

STARS (Sound Trail And Rail Society, Inc.)

Idaho

Horse Haven Rescue

For the Love of Horses Rescue and Sanctuary

Illinois

Arlington Park Racecourse
Balmoral Park Racetrack
Blackberry Station Feed Store
Block Thoroughbred Farm
CANTER Illinois
Central Illinois Humane Society
Chicago Barn to Wire
Crosswinds Equine Rescue, Inc
Drexler Horse Transportation
Eastland Farm and Training Center
Fairberry Farm
Fairmount Park
Hawthorne National Racecourse
Hill 'N Dale Farm
Horsin' Around TV
Illinois Thoroughbred Horseman's Association
Illinois Thoroughbred Breeders and Owners Foundation
Illinois Harness Horseman's Association
Illinois Horseman's Benevolent Protective Association
International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local 727
John Marshall Law School, Animal Law Society, Chicago, IL
Lazy Maple Equine Rescue
Manhattan Acres
Maywood Park Racetrack
Oak Tree Farm
Pam Kuhl Horse Transportation
RERUN Illinois
Shawnee Hills Farm
Three Way Farm
Top of the Hill Farm
Tower Farm

Indiana

Animal Protection Coalition
CANTOR of Indiana
Indiana Horse Rescue

Kentucky

Blairs Equine Rescue
Bluegrass Equine Products, Inc.
Brandeis Student Animal Legal Defense Fund
DreamCatcher Stables, Inc.
Holly's Place Animal Rescue
Home at Last animal sanctuary
Humane Society, A.L.L. of Madison County
Kentucky Animal Relief Fund, Inc.
Kentucky Animal Rescue Alliance
The Kentucky Coalition for Animal Protection, Inc.
Lexington Humane Society
Marion Co. Humane Society, Inc.

Kentucky (con't)

Wolfrun Wildlife Refuge, Inc.
Woodstock Animal Foundation

Louisiana

The Coalition of Louisiana Animal Advocates

Maine

Barrel Race in Maine
Downeast Border Riders Saddle Club

Maryland

Horsenet Horse Rescue
University of Maryland Equestrian Club

Massachusetts

Suffolk Downs

Michigan

Horses' Haven
C.A.N.T.E.R Michigan

Minnesota

Midwest Horse Adoption Program
Misfit Acres Inc.
Save Our Souls Equine Rescue

Montana

WindDancer Foundation

Nevada

Miracle Horse Rescue, Inc.
Shiloh Horse Rescue and Sanctuary
Wild Horse Preservation League
Wild Horse Spirit, Ltd.

New Jersey

Save the Animals Foundation
Standardbred Retirement Foundation

New Mexico

A.N.N.A. - Animals Need No Abuse
Animal Protection of New Mexico
Independence Farm
Perfect Harmony Animal Rescue & Sanctuary
Walkin "N" Circles Equine Rescue Ranch
Wild Horse Observer's Association (W.H.O.A.)

New York

Carpe Diem Equine Rescue, Inc. (NY, PA, NJ)
Equine Rescue Resource, Inc.
Spring Farm CARES
Vassar Animal Rescue Coalition

North Carolina

Jus Linda's Stables
North Carolina Equine Rescue League
Stillwater Farm

North Dakota

Tremont's Pet Sitting Service

Ohio

Angels4horses Adoption-Placement Foundation
Living Legend Arabians
Sound Horse Organization of Ohio

Oklahoma

Angel Horse Rescue, Inc.

Pennsylvania

Animal Care and Welfare/SPCA
Another Chance for Horses
Bran Manor Equine Rescue & Placement
CANTOR Pennsylvania
Cozee Valee Farm
Eastern University Equestrian Team
Lost and Found Horse Rescue
OohMahNee Farm Animal Sanctuary
Pennsylvania SPCA
R.A.C.E Fund, Inc.

South Carolina

Hollow Creek Farm Equine Rescue
Neverending Farms Horse Rescue
Palmetto Equine Awareness & Rescue League (P.E.A.R.L.®)

South Dakota

Helping Hands Equine Rehabilitation and Rescue

Texas

Animal Connection of Texas
Animal Sanctuary of the United States/Wild Animal Orphanage
Austin Zoo
Black Beauty Ranch
City of Flower Mound, TX
Common Ground Foundation
Lone Star Equine Rescue, Inc.

Texas (con't)

Lone Star Park
Madden Investigations
The Queenie Foundation
R-9 Ranch
Sound Horse Organization of Texas
Texans for Horses
SPCA of Texas
The Texas Federation of Humane Societies
Texas Humane Legislation Network
Texas EquuSearch Mounted Search and Recovery Team
Wild Horse & Burro Refuge & Registry

Tennessee

Egyptian Cross Arabians
Misfit Ranch

Utah

Sound Horse Organization of Utah

Virginia

Ches-N-Oak Farms
The Laughing Horse Sanctuary
Parkway Quarter Horse, Inc.
White Bird Appaloosa Horse Rescue - Stillwater Farm

Wisconsin

All God's Creatures Equestrian Center
Animal Rescue and Farm Sanctuary
Midwest Horse Welfare Foundation, Inc.

Wyoming

Wyoming Animal Network