



SpeakUPforHorses



WINTER 2012 NEWSLETTER

Tennessee Walking Horses and the Big Lick Cruelty

Thanks to an undercover video released this past May, the horrendously cruel practices of soring and stewarding in the Tennessee Walking Horse Industry has finally come to the forefront through national media reports. While these practices have been against the law for a long time - the HPA (Horse Protection Act) was passed by Congress in 1975 - industry leaders, trainers, owners, competitors and even vets have quietly been condoning this cruel treatment of this breed in the name of ribbons and greed.

But now the public has become so outraged that changes, penalties and more stringent laws and enforcement are being enacted.

We applaud all who are speaking up for these wonderful horses.



Soring:
Applying irritating chemicals on the legs to force higher steps

New Jersey state-level legislation to ban horse slaughter and the sale of horse meat for human consumption, as well as the transport of horses to slaughter for human consumption, overwhelmingly passed the state Senate and Assembly.

Shortly after, Governor Christie signed the bill into law.



Stewarding:
Beating a horse until it no longer reacts to pain

In 2006 the Agricultural Appropriations Act eliminated funding for USDA inspections of horsemeat. By defunding federal inspections, the amendment prevented the cruel practice of horse slaughter in the United States and all three U.S. plants essentially shut down their horse slaughter operations.

In 2010 the amendment was secretly stripped by two legislators, thus re-opening the doors to U.S. horse slaughter plants. Congressman Jim Moran, WV, successfully reinstated the amendment in the FY 2012 AG Appropriations Bill which in turn will continue to keep horse slaughter out of this country.

While American horses are currently shipped across the borders to Mexico and Canada, and the American Horse Slaughter Prevention Act has been stalling in Congress for years, U.S. tax payers do not want to pay for USDA inspectors to oversee the processing of horses for human consumption in foreign countries.

Please continue to call, fax and write your legislators telling them to support S1176 and HR 2966!

Prices for grain and hay will rise due to the heat and draught we have experienced across all of the U.S. Manufacturers of feed have already announced an increase of \$ 3 to \$ 5 per bag in the near future. Stock up your hay supply for the winter now.

Our Updates

Adoptions: *Thank you Kathy, Becky and Julie*

Ruby, our wonderful little redhead was adopted and has joined her Mom Tater at her new home. Both are joined at the hip with another redhead, Bella, a kind and beautiful thoroughbred mare. Both Tater and Ruby are with Ben getting polished up for riding.



Whitie has been at Ben's for training and will be going to his new home thereafter. He is doing fantastic and already calmly going under saddle. His goof ball personality, beautiful moves and intelligence is a combination one just can't resist. We are very pleased that he quickly learned to be the steady Eddie for his adopters.

Simon's new home is just perfect. His new friends include a pony, who he has already chosen as his best buddy. Being away from our farm for the first time did not present a problem. He eagerly introduced himself to the horses and settled right in.



We want to thank 2 fantastic guys, Dr. Glaza, owner of Licking Valley Vet Clinic and Remington Leach, Remington Farrier Service for their love of horses. Dr. Glaza and Remington are always patient with our wild gang of rehabbed horses and are willing to go the extra mile for their care.



Late July we took in a mare that had been left alone in a pasture for 8 years. Angel suffered from long term neglect of her feet. While exploring all options of rehabilitation, Angel received more love and care in a week and a half than she had the past eight years. The x-rays showed major deterioration of bones and bone infection in both front feet. Sadly, we had to help our Angel cross over the rainbow bridge. She touched so many hearts and will never be forgotten.

Thank you to all our friends and like minded horse lovers for your faith in our work and the continued support of what we do for the horses.

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