



Speak Up For Horses

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October Already! Happy Fall to y'all!

We've got lots of news to share with you: national news, regional news and some "right here in our neck of the woods" news.

First, the national update: On the horse slaughter front, the unswerving dedication of many horse advocacy groups finally succeeded through the courts and through the Texas state legislature in closing the two Texas horse slaughter plants! The Illinois state legislature and the September 21, the battle was won in Illinois as well when the courts rejected the slaughterhouse's attempt to overturn the new State Law banning horse slaughter. It is a very historic day for all American horses and those who are working so hard to end the cruel practice of horse slaughter here in the United States.

While the three US horse slaughter plants have been put out of business by state action, our horses continue to be commercially transported to Canada and Mexico for slaughtering. Until a federal bill is passed to ban the transport of horses for slaughter, American horses will continue to be unnecessarily and cruelly slaughtered for gourmet dining in foreign countries. We urge you to write/fax/phone your US Representative and your US Senators to express your strong opposition to horse slaughter, insisting they pass necessary federal legislation to end this practice. Your comments do count. We can assist you if you need to know where your elected officials stand on this issue. Some are up for re-election in November. Please vote for those who support federal legislation to end horse slaughter.

As many of you know, we have been compiling voluminous research on the commercial transport of horses to slaughter: who buys these American horses, from where these horses originate, how they are sold, and most importantly, how they are handled when being hauled to slaughter. We have documented repeated violations of both humane handling and federal trucking regulations in the bulk hauling of these unfortunate horses. Until recently, we have had a very difficult time convincing government authorities to pursue appropriate action. However, in the past few months with the terrific investigative work of Animals Angels, Inc., we have finally succeeded in getting some government officials to pay attention. It is a slow process, but finally we are being heard. Check out our website, for more details on our work with the extraordinary organization, Animals Angels, www.animals-angels.com. Check out our website for their latest report about horses being hauled to Mexico for slaughter.

Next, the Regional and local news: Just last week we hosted a group being trained by the national emergency response organization Code 3. After a book training session in Ohio, the group visited Shelly's horses for hands-on equine training. A good time was had by all, but most especially by Shelly's horses who relished all the

hands-on attention. We hope to be part of future training sessions hosted by this organization and others like it.

We successfully rehomed two needy horses to equine rescues which can better care for their needs until permanent homes can be found. Doc, a survivor of Hurricane Katrina, has had a variety of health issues since surviving the hurricane. Doc has passed through several hands since Katrina. We intervened and were able to find him permanent care at Mountain View Rescue in Kentucky. Frosty, a pregnant quarter horse was sent to auction a couple months ago, but no-saled when she colic'd at the sale. We negotiated with the owner to sell her to us and she is now in residence at another Kentucky rescue. Frosty remains high risk since she was pastured on fescue while pregnant AND she may be carrying twins. We will know more in a couple months. She is due in March.

In August, we accepted the donation of a gorgeous chestnut thoroughbred race horse named Affair in the Air. He fell in his July 28th race, and suffered a fractured splint bone. When you look at the race video, you wonder how he survived the fall. We just got word he needs leg surgery and we are fund raising for the cost of the surgery and the after-care. He should make a full recovery.

Please visit these horses on our website.

We had the wonderful opportunity recently to spend some time with Wayne Pacelle, the CEO of HSUS, Keith Dane who heads up the Equine Protection Division of HSUS, and Sue Monger who is the director of HSUS' new Rural Veterinary Outreach Program. This "meet and greet" was very informative. Wayne was most adamant in HSUS' commitment to end horse slaughter.

Last Sunday, Shelly trained the 77 member Kentucky State Trooper cadet class on "How to recognize Equine Abuse and Neglect." Speak Up has designed a power point presentation to help law enforcement officers, animal control officers, county prosecutors, local judges and magistrates understand equine abuse and neglect. The presentation was very well received, and we hope to be a continuing part of Kentucky State Trooper training, and branch into both Ohio and Indiana as well.

School is back in session and we plan on revving up our Bundles of Books program. If you know of a needy school, please let us know whom to contact regarding donating horse books to the school library.

Lastly, mark your calendar! Pendleton County is coordinating a roadside clean-up day on Saturday, October 20th. Speak Up will earn \$500 for cleaning up a portion of Route 27 near the Pendleton County High School. We thought this was a great excuse for a party. So we will clean-up in the morning and then come back to Shelly's farm for a picnic. It is the First Annual Speak Up For Horses Party – what better way to celebrate our first birthday! We need volunteers to pick up roadside trash, and we need volunteers to bring a covered dish. Please rsvp to Shelly at 859-445-7766 or to

Paula at 513-474-6456.

As you can see, we have been very busy. We are very proud of all we have accomplished, but there is so much more we want to do. With your support, our wish list will become our “accomplished list”. We welcome your help, your suggestions and your financial support. Visit our website often and shop the vendors listed there. Remember we earn contributions when you buy through the vendor buttons on our site. The end of the year is fast approaching. Please remember us when you are making your charitable donations for tax purposes, and please make sure your friends know about Speak Up For Horses.

Thank you for your support! We hope to see you Saturday October 20th.

Paula, Shelly, Ginger, Terry and Annie



Doc



Frosty



Affair



Code 3 Training