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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



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

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. The bill is now before Governor Christie for his signature.

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 are currently experiencing 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:

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.



Whitie is currently at Ben's for training and will be going to his new home there after. His goof ball personality, beautiful moves and intelligence is a combination one just can't resist. His adopter is really excited about getting such an incredible horse.

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 our fantastic Dr. Glaza from the Licking Valley Vet Clinic for his great service and the love for horses he shares with us. He and Remington, our farrier, are always patient with our wild gang of rehabbed horses, who are still showing some trust issues when introduced to new situations.



Bubba, shown here with Flame, has developed a lump in his neck. Ultrasound showed its location too close to the jugular to be surgically removed. Dr. Glaza will continue to monitor by ultrasound and as long as the lump does not grow, Bubba will be just fine. He is showing no signs of discomfort or pain. For the time being we are considering Bubba a sanctuary horse.

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.