

Support the Rights & Options of Horse Owners!

Dear Friends,

A little over a week ago we started a petition to oppose any legislation that would take away the private property rights of horse owners. The system we used allowed responders to send a personalized message to their Congressional representatives and the Obama Administration. Already thousands of emails and letters have been sent, and the comments have been very enlightening! People are extremely concerned about the federal legislation that has been introduced--H.R. 503 and S. 727--and are very vocal in their opposition. We will make sure that every Representative and Senator in Congress sees the petition, and the comments that many of you made to your personal representatives.

The response so far has been tremendous, but we still need MORE!

Remember that the proponents of animal rights and a total ban on horse slaughter are very well organized, well financed, and have been working for years. We are coordinating our opposition on a shoe string, but if there was ever a grass roots effort to support, this is it!

Everyone in animal agriculture realizes that if radical animal rights organizations can successfully limit the rights of horse owners...then there really is no difference between that and limiting the rights of agriculturists and consumers in the use of any food animal. If you haven't already done so, **PLEASE** sign the petition and send a personal message to your representatives in Washington, DC.

Sign the petition

This week we've decided to take a proactive approach to one of the main arguments of those who are proposing making it a felony crime to consume horse meat in the United States, or to transport a horse to another country where they would be used as food animals. They claim that Americans never have, and never will view horse meat with anything except absolute abhorrence.

History, common sense, and the fact that almost the entire civilized world including our closest neighbors in Canada and Mexico, view horse meat as an ordinary food animal--an animal of many purposes, which if it cannot be used for something else, is a high quality and very nutrient dense food animal, that is generally affordable, and an integral part of their culinary tradition.

We know that only 1% to 2% of horses in the United States have ever wound up in the food chain, but now the entire Nation is starting to realize the horrific unintended consequences of the closure of US processing facilities.

As more of a true measure of the cultural attitude toward the human consumption of horse meat, and a counterpoint to the argument that no Americans would ever consider eating horse meat, we invite you to take our short survey.

Take this survey

Thank you for doing your part to support our traditional use of all animals, and for the rights and options of horse owners!

Please forward this to everyone you know who will join the fight to fend off the attacks of animal rights fanatics, and help us educate the well-meaning, but misinformed horse owners and animal lovers who still don't understand what a loss of legal options will do to the welfare of all horses.

Sincerely,

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