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The Safeguard American Food Exports Act**

## **Resources For At Risk Horses**

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USDA Secretary Vilsack's "Third Way" can address the current horse situation better than slaughter. The vast majority of horses who end up at the borders come from somewhere else. To be successful, the situation must be addressed at the source. Several states already have solutions in place. When all states set up their own programs there will be positive, long-lasting progress nationwide.

I hope Members of Congress, state and local legislators will endorse and promote this document. We intend to fund it privately, with no contributions from government budgets.

Here are a few examples of existing programs. There are many, many more.

## **RESOURCES FOR AT RISK HORSES**

### **STATE PROGRAMS – A GOOD EXAMPLE**

New Mexico Equine Protection Fund.

If every state set up something like this - with each handling its own excess population - it would go a long way toward solving the dilemma.

<http://www.equineprotectionfund.org/>

Information about other state programs is available online.

### **CRISIS INTERVENTION**

American Humane Association – Red Star Program – Disaster Relief

Help for the Leachman Horses. They helped with several other rescues involving horses

<http://www.americanhumane.org/animals/programs/emergency-services/recent-emergency-services/montana-horse-relief.html>

American Humane Association Second Chance Fund

<http://www.americanhumane.org/animals/programs/shelter-services/second-chance-fund/>

### **HAY BANKS**

Grants and Other Support

[http://www.equisearch.com/horses\\_care/nutrition/hay/horse\\_hay\\_bank\\_resources\\_061410/](http://www.equisearch.com/horses_care/nutrition/hay/horse_hay_bank_resources_061410/)

ASPCA “Hay It Forward”

<http://www.asPCA.org/get-involved/horses/aspca-hay-it-forward-project>

UHC Partners with ACTHA to Help Unwanted Horses

<http://www.thehorse.com/articles/31295/uhc-partners-with-actha-to-help-unwanted-horses>

Stamp Out Starvation of Horses – Georgia

[http://www.sosofhorses.com/SOS\\_Of\\_Horses/Welcome.html](http://www.sosofhorses.com/SOS_Of_Horses/Welcome.html)

Equine Safety Net – Kentucky Horse Council

<http://www.kentuckyhorse.org/safety-net/>

Oregon Hay Bank

<http://oregonhaybank.org/>

Sound Equine Options – NW Oregon & SW Washington State

<http://www.soundequineoptions.org/programs/temporary-feed-assistance>

BITS - Back In The Saddle Project - California - Butte, Glen & Yuba Counties

<http://backinthesaddleproject.com/haybank.html>

## **HAY PRODUCTION**

The USDA could provide subsidies to grow horse hay and establish a National Hay Registry that publishes hay available in each state.

## **GRANTS**

The ASPCA Provided \$1.8 Million in Grants to Equine Groups in 2012

<http://www.thehorse.com/articles/31259/aspca-provided-1-8-million-in-grants-to-equine-groups-in-2012>

## **TRAINING & SHOWCASING RESCUED AND SECOND CAREER HORSES**

The Penn National Racetrack Model

<http://www.bloodhorse.com/horse-racing/articles/76860/penn-national-working-for-horse-adoption>

UHC Member Addresses Rescue and Adoption: Rags to Riches Rescue Competition

<http://www.unwantedhorsecoalition.org/?id=5&s=4&story=110>

‘Thoroughbreds for All’ Event to be Held April 26

<http://www.paulickreport.com/news/bloodstock/thoroughbreds-for-all-event-to-be-held-april-26/>

## **FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR RESCUES**

State legislatures have the ability to create tax checkoffs to help rescues at no cost to taxpayers. It won't solve the problem, but every little bit helps.

Colorado Unwanted Horse Alliance Tax Checkoff Information

[http://www.counwantedhorse.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=125&Itemid=160](http://www.counwantedhorse.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=125&Itemid=160)

In 2013, the New Mexico legislature passed a check off bill as well.

"THANK YOU to the New Mexico House for passing SB274 on a 62-0 vote! Sen George Munoz's bill will create a tax check off to help fund licensed horse shelters to help more abused, abandoned, and neglected equines in New Mexico without raising taxes! Having passed the Senate, the bill awaits a signature from Governor Martinez to become law. SO MANY people came forward to support this bill."

This is the Fact Sheet. The Text of the Bill is available online.

<http://apvnm.org/legislation/2013/Horse%20Shelter%20Rescue%20Fund%20Factsheet-1-26-13.pdf>

## **GELDING CLINICS & GELDING VOUCHERS**

National Equine Resource Network (NERN)

NERN's goal is to help set up clinics nation-wide based on their model.

<http://www.nationalequine.org/>

The Unwanted Horse Coalition

<http://www.unwantedhorsecoalition.org/?id=7&s=8>

New Mexico Equine Protection Fund - Voucher

<http://www.equineprotectionfund.org/>

Horse Plus Humane Society – California – Monthly Clinics Low-cost clinics

<http://www.horsehumane.org/gelding.htm>

BITS - Back In The Saddle Project SNIP - California

<http://backinthesaddleproject.com/SNIPS.html>

## **FERTILITY CONTROL FOR MARES**

PZP - Information from The Science and Conservation Center, ZooMontana

<http://www.sccpzp.org/>

## **EMERGENCY VETERINARY CARE**

Sound Equine Options – NW Oregon & SW Washington State

<http://www.soundequineoptions.org/>

## **NETWORKING TO RESCUE HORSES**

A Home for Every Horse

<http://www.equisearch.com/a-home-for-every-horse/>

A Home for Every Horse - Participating Rescues

[http://www.equisearch.com/a-home-for-every-horse/rescues/?utm\\_source=EquiSearch-Hub&utm\\_medium=left-rail&utm\\_campaign=AHFEH](http://www.equisearch.com/a-home-for-every-horse/rescues/?utm_source=EquiSearch-Hub&utm_medium=left-rail&utm_campaign=AHFEH)

HSUS Safe Stalls Horse Rescue Network

[http://www.humanesociety.org/news/press\\_releases/2012/12/safe-stalls-horse-rescue-network-120512.html](http://www.humanesociety.org/news/press_releases/2012/12/safe-stalls-horse-rescue-network-120512.html)

CANTER

<http://www.thehorse.com/articles/31448/canter-transitions-1-000-ex-racehorses-in-2012>

There are so many Facebook groups that successfully network to re-home horses in need and help owners in difficulty it would be almost impossible to list them all here.

## **TRANSPORT FOR RESCUED HORSES**

Reasonable transport is one of the biggest challenges to those rescuing horses.

The following Facebook groups and others are helping meet that challenge:

Fleet of Angels

<http://www.fleetofangels.org/>

Horse Rescue Transport Network

<https://www.facebook.com/HorseRescueTransportNetwork>

Rescue Rangers

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/rescuerangers/?ref=ts&fref=ts>

uShip Highways to Help. Rescue horse information is at the bottom.

<http://about.uship.com/highway-to-help/>

## **EQUINE-ASSISTED THERAPY**

## **Articles About the Value of Programs to Individuals and the Community**

Grants Fund Research on Equine-Assisted Therapy and Veterans

<http://www.thehorse.com/articles/29767/grants-fund-research-on-equine-assisted-therapy-and-veterans>

Equine-assisted psychotherapy: a mental health promotion/intervention modality for children who have experienced intra-family violence

<http://www.chrysalisequine.com/files/EAP%20-%20a%20mental%20health%20intervention%20for%20children%20who%20have%20experience%20intra%20family%20violence.pdf>

Equine-Assisted Psychotherapy: Healing Therapy or Just Hype?

<http://psychcentral.com/lib/2008/equine-assisted-psychotherapy-healing-therapy-or-just-hype/all/1>

Horse therapy helps youth deal with life issues

<http://www.hpj.com/archives/2009/feb09/feb16/Horsetherapyhelpsyouthdealw.cfm>

### **A few of many Equine-assisted Therapy Programs**

Many of the horses are donated by those who can no longer care for them.

Equine-assisted therapy for military veterans and families - General information and links to programs

<http://www.examiner.com/article/equine-assisted-therapy-for-military-veterans-and-families>

Mini Horses as Therapists for Children

[http://www.bendbulletin.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=%2F20130106%2FNEWS0107%2F301060351%2F1051&nav\\_category=NEWS0107](http://www.bendbulletin.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=%2F20130106%2FNEWS0107%2F301060351%2F1051&nav_category=NEWS0107)

Equine Psychotherapy Associations

<http://www.equine-psychotherapy.com/therapy-associations.html>

EGALA

<http://www.eagala.org/>

Care for the Troops

[http://www.careforthetroops.org/about\\_equineassistedactivities.php](http://www.careforthetroops.org/about_equineassistedactivities.php)

Equine Assisted Therapy – St. Louis

<http://eatherapy.org/>

Equine Partners Unlimited – Ohio  
<http://www.equine-partners.org/>

Back in the Saddle Project  
<http://backinthesaddleproject.com/index.html>

Horse Plus Humane Society – California  
<http://www.horsehumane.org/programs.htm>

Medicine Horse Program – Colorado  
<http://www.medicinehorse.org/vets.html>

## **RESPONSIBLE BREEDING**

HSUS Responsible Horse Breeders Council - 800 breeders had signed on as of January 2013.

<http://www.thehorse.com/articles/31238/responsible-horse-breeders-council-formed>

## **TRULY HUMANE CHEMICAL EUTHANASIA**

HSUS Humane Horse Remains Disposal - by State

[http://www.humanesociety.org/animals/horses/facts/humane\\_horse\\_remains\\_disposal.html](http://www.humanesociety.org/animals/horses/facts/humane_horse_remains_disposal.html)

Veterinarians for Equine Welfare List

<http://www.vetsforequinewelfare.org/veterinary-medical-schools.php>

New Mexico Equine Protection Fund – Voucher System

<http://www.equineprotectionfund.org/>

Horse Plus Humane Society – California

<http://www.horsehumane.org/eclinic.htm>

BITS - Back In The Saddle Project - California

<http://backinthesaddleproject.com/euthclinic.html>

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## **DISPOSAL - RENDERING**

National Renderers Association Members

<http://cdn.harmonyapp.com/assets/51004fea30413252d4000482/NRA2012Directory.pdf>

## **DISPOSAL - BIODIGESTION - THE WAY OF THE FUTURE**

Biodigestion holds promise for equine disposal. This option should satisfy those who argue the primary way equines can be beneficial to humans after death is as food. The technology is already being used for disposal of diseased livestock, chemically euthanized dogs and cats, and animals killed on roadways. Biodigesters can handle many types of biologic materials, including manure. In addition to a number of other useful by-products, units can be set up to generate electricity from the produced methane. The USDA has issued a number of Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) Grants for both research and building plants. Much more information is available online.

USDA Secretary Vilsack's Column: Energy Efficiency and the Food, Farm and Jobs Bill

<http://blogs.usda.gov/tag/anaerobic-digester/#sthash.XNNNl4re.dpuf>

USDA Funded Digester Reduces Pollution, Powers 1,500 Michigan Homes

<http://blogs.usda.gov/2012/10/12/usda-funded-digester-reduces-pollution-powers-1500-michigan-homes/>

Five good reasons to implement a biogas plant on your farm

<http://www.greenprospectsasia.com/content/five-good-reasons-implement-biogas-plant-your-farm#sthash.JXZ3N5w2.dpuf>

## **MORTALITY COMPOSTING**

Should I Consider Composting A Horse Carcass?

<http://www.alphahorse.com/composting-a-horse-carcass.html>

How To Compost A Dead Horse

<http://www.alphahorse.com/compost-a-dead-horse.html>



## Composting A Dead Horse: The Process

<http://www.alphahorse.com/composting-a-dead-horse.html>

As you can see, there are many alternative to horse slaughter in the U.S. Sadly, it's doubtful many will be explored or implemented if irresponsible horse owners continue to have the option of discarding their animals at will.

Only Congress has the power to protect our food exports and save our horses, and the best way is to bring the SAFE Act to the floor for a vote. Thanks for your time and consideration.