

SpeakUPforHorses



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SPRING 2013 NEWSLETTER



This newsletter is a bit different than usual. We have a very specific funding need that we are hoping our great donors will be able to help us with. We have been repairing and patching our fences for 3 years but they have reached the point of no return! The large pasture fence is the first one we need to replace. We spent a great deal of time looking at all types of fencing for safety, security, easy installation and cost. What we have decided on is electric rope.



There is no wire to hurt the horses and because it is electrified they will stay away from it. There are a lot of people we know with farms that use it for their horse pastures and love it.

The cost for all the materials; electric rope, posts, insulators and everything else needed is \$2500.00. Fortunately we have friends very experienced in putting this type of fence up who have volunteered to help us. We are so thankful for that because we don't have to pay for installation. With new fencing we will not have to worry about our horses being out in the fields they love to run in.

Please earmark your donation for the 'Safe Fencing Project' and mail your check to our address below or send via the PayPal Button on our website at www.speakupforhorses.org

SAFE Act introduced in Senate and House

March 13, 2013

The Safeguard American Food Exports (SAFE) Act was introduced in the Senate, S.541, and in the House, H.R.1094, today.

Sponsored by Senators Mary Landrieu (D-LA) and Lindsey Graham(R-SC); Representatives Patrick Meehan (R-PA) and Jan Schakowsky (D-IL) the SAFE Act would prevent the introduction of horse slaughter operations in the U.S., end the current export of American horses for slaughter abroad, and protect the public from consuming toxic horse meat.

Last year, more than 160,000 American horses were sent to a cruel death by a grisly foreign industry that produces unsafe food for consumers.

Past congressional actions on horse slaughter have demonstrated a strong, bipartisan desire to prohibit the killing of horses for human consumption, but Congress has failed to permanently end the export of live horses to neighboring countries for slaughter.

Call your legislator TODAY!! Ask them to support "**SAFE**" **HR.1094/S.541**.



Diamond

Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack

has added language to the FY14 budget submission to defund horse inspections at slaughter plants. While this does not impact the current budget, it is a clear indication that the USDA recognizes the dangers to our food supply and exports into the foreign food supply if horse slaughter was to resume in the US.

This is the first time the USDA has actually included the defunding language in the budget request.

Language:

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SEC. 725. None of the funds made available in this Act may be used to pay the salaries or expenses of personnel to-(1) inspect horses under section 3 of the Federal Meat Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 603); (2) inspect horses under section 903 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 (7 U.S.C. 1901 note; Public Law 104127); or (3) implement or enforce section 352.19 of title 9, Code of Federal Regulations.

H.R.1518 -- PAST Act (Introduced in House - IH)

April 11, 2013

To amend the **Horse Protection Act** to designate additional unlawful acts under the Act, strengthen penalties for violations of the Act, improve Department of Agriculture enforcement of the Act, and for other purposes.

This Act may be cited as the `Prevent All Soring Tactics Act of 2013' or the `**PAST Act**'.

Please call your Legislators to support this bill.

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Our Updates
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We are currently home to two beautiful horses that came to us unhandled and still stallions. Paint, on the left, and Jack, on the right, have both been gelded, their hooves have been trimmed. They have a new lease on life but still need to gain more trust and undergo some extensive training. We would like to thank Kathy for finding these two before they were shipped off to an undesirable end and allowing us to help get them on their way to a better life. **If you would like to help with their rehabilitation, please earmark your donation for the "stallions".**



A little out of the ordinary, Kathy also managed to save "Katie, the cow". The farm at which she was awaiting a trip to the slaughter plant had neglected her to the point of not being able to walk. Our wonderful friends jumped into action and we were able to free her from her fate. While on medication for the arthritis the vet diagnosed her with, she is now enjoying her new easy life with caring humans. No surprise, the vet also confirmed that Katie is a mother to be. Two lives saved. Continued financial support for "Katie" is appreciated.

A few months ago, we had to fight for the lives of two of our dear friend Bill's thoroughbreds after he passed away from cancer. When Bill became ill he signed all 5 of his horses over to us asking that we find life time homes for them. We were able to place 3 of his horses before he died. As his farm was put up for sale, and Max and Makers needed to be moved to the rescue, two of Bill's old friends moved them from the property without anyone's permission. When questioned they claimed they wanted to keep them at their place on lucious pastures, until homes could be found. Low and behold, they put them up on craigslist and ended up selling them to a known kill buyer in Indiana.

It must have been the four worst days of our lives, trying to get the thruth out of these so called friends, and tracking the kill buyer's identity without their help.

Shelly spent day and night following leads and suggestions gathered through contacts. In the end the kill buyer and Bill's old friends realized that we were determined to seek justice and they quickly made arrangements to have both Max and Makers transported to our farm.

Ridden with a touch of shipping fever, several pounds underweight and very much scared from their ordeal, they have since regained their health and trust under the care of Speak Up For Horses, our vet Dr. Galza and our devoted volunteers. Shelly has kept her promise to Bill to keep his horses safe and we have learned a sad lesson about trusting even your best friends.



Makers



Max

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.

Monthly sponsorship for our horses now made easy: We have added a recurring donation button on our website on the Rescue Page. Pick one of our horses and become their very own angel.



Spring at the farm:



Ed, Annie, Shelly, Terry and the many tireless volunteers are grateful for all of your support.

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