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AQHA Brazenly Promotes Horse Slaughter For Wild Horses And Burros In New Anti-SAFE Act Propaganda Piece

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AQHA Executive Vice-President Craig Huffhines

Written by: Heather Clemenceau

In a brazen move that would make Sue Wallis proud, the AQHA has sent to its Canadian members, a propaganda piece that insisted that the S.A.F.E. Act would create a “[hellish demise](#)” for horses, of “[starvation, abuse and neglect](#).”

It’s difficult to imagine such contrived ignorance exists to such a degree outside of the BLM itself when it comes to wild equines. Yet in the massmail entitled “Unsafe Consequences,” the group specifically mentions the “overpopulation” of the wild horses and burros, juxtaposing the costs of the BLM holding facilities with the convenient way of eliminating the problem – restoring slaughter to the United States! Not only is the wilfully-blind AQHA on a non-stop crusade to promote slaughter for their own breed, they’re encroaching onto the issue of protected wild horses and burros – a comprehensive extermination campaign designed to eliminate all “undesirable” equines.

Here is an excerpt of the “facts” they present in their massmail, which can be read [here](#) and is included below.

- **The Government Accountability Office reported that about 138,000 unwanted horses were transported to processing facilities in 2010.**
- **The United States Department of Agriculture reports that 144,000 horses were transported to processing facilities in 2014.**

- **USDA reports that there are nearly 50,000 wild horses and burros on Bureau of Land Management land, which is 22,500 more than what that land can naturally support.**
- **USDA also reports that there are more than 47,000 wild horses and burros in short- and long-term holding facilities.**
- **The cost of the wild horse and burro program – \$77,245,000 in fiscal year 2014 – is coming out of U.S. taxpayers’ pockets.**

If this enrages you, please take a moment to send a response to them below or via their [contact form](#):

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12 responses »

Cindy Tozer on July 4, 2015 at 1:58 am said: .comment-author .vcard Anyone, especially an organization that has high registration numbers you have, promoting slaughter of horses, Burros, and your own breed you promote, is scum if the earth. Breed me, use me, dispose of em. Disgusting. I couldn't sleep at night if I were you. I will never give your organization give cents of my money. You could increase your registration fees and have a euthanization program to put horses down H U M A N E L Y.

Shame shame on you. Greed hungry organization like big business **Reply ↓** .reply
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tiggy1998 on July 4, 2015 at 4:28 am said: .comment-author .vcard Nothing about this 'Association' surprises me. They hate the Horses unless they can bring in huge money. Otherwise, it is off to the nearest Slaughterhouse to become dinner for some badly

informed person in another Country.**Reply ↓** .reply #comment-##
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Lynn O. on July 4, 2015 at 5:02 am said: .comment-author .vcard Once again, the AQHA demonstrates its disregard for the breed it is supposed to admire and promote. From the horse's point of view, with friends like you, who needs enemies? How about pursuing a more logical and humane approach such as stopping the overbreeding of horses for whom there is limited demand? It's called responsible breeding.**Reply ↓**
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Marilyn Wilson on July 4, 2015 at 2:08 pm said: .comment-author .vcard Look who's talking about spending tax payers money, the over-breeders of long-lived luxury animals! The "foalmillers" the AQHA, operating on subsidies taken from the taxpayers! We're also paying for the USDA's inspectors at auctions and borders inspect "their" poor unfortunate horses. Over-breeding AQHA? YOU are the problem! Cut the subsidies and tax you for your poor breeding habits is what you need!**Reply ↓** .reply
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Lin Month on July 4, 2015 at 4:48 pm said: .comment-author .vcard From Canada: The majority of the horses going to the torture chamber slaughterhouses here are Quarter Horses.**Reply ↓** .reply #comment-##
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Anne Streeter on July 4, 2015 at 6:06 pm said: .comment-author .vcard Shocking comments from the head of the AQHA! I really think you should get another job – somewhere where sensitivity and humaneness is not required.**Reply ↓** .reply
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Diane on July 4, 2015 at 9:41 pm said: .comment-author .vcard This is a cold hearted Bastards that does not have any love in his heart 4 anything but money we damn well need to stop this shit before it really gets started and your own breed you promote, is scum if the earth. Breed me, use me, dispose of em. Disgusting. I couldn't sleep at night if I were you.

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Tina. Snyder on July 5, 2015 at 2:54 am said: .comment-author .vcard Obvious that AQHA is pro- money not pro – horse. I go to kill buyer sales. Majority of horses are young healthy quarter horses going to slaughter. AQHA , start promoting responsible breeding and stop over saturating the market. Step up and actually give a damn about the animals you promote!

Shame on you!!!**Reply** ↓ .reply #comment-##
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Barbara Griffith on July 5, 2015 at 6:20 am said: .comment-author .vcard The people that even belong to AQHA and pay their fees think just like this creature in the photo. None of them care one thing about their own horses or they wouldn't even give this horse killer the time of day. But its these kind of greedy selfish A-Holes that have stopped any anti-slaughter bill from being passed in the US Congress and they have done this for years. They hire lobbyists to work the halls of congress making large donations to the crooks we have for reps and senators to not pass any bill that comes up for a vote. They have peddled this crap about the horses will all be dropping dead from starvation and on and on. There wouldn't be "unwanted horses" as they like to peddle if they didn't keep breeding when they know there is no market for their new crop of foals. No worries they just send most of these helpless young horses to slaughter to get rid of them and turn around and do it all over again next year over and over and over. I loathe people like these.**Reply** ↓ .reply #comment-##
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Cheryl Bowe on July 5, 2015 at 12:20 pm said: .comment-author .vcard If you read the Safe Act, it states that our United States horses pose a danger to the consumer when their meat is allowed to enter the world's food supply....Our horses are not raised and regulated for human consumption....The United States has a responsibility to protect the rest of the world from our drug tainted horsemeat.....If you say "buyer beware", consider the fact that country of origin labeling is being eliminated, and you may well be purchasing United States horsemeat mixed into your hamburger.....What the United States will do with "excess" or "unwanted" horses is a moot point....The fact remains, our horses are not raised for human consumption.....To use slaughter and meat processing as a convenient means to dispose of our race horses, quarter horses, sport and pet horses, and allowing that meat to be eaten by humans or other species is criminal.**Reply** ↓ .reply #comment-##
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coltswesternshop on July 7, 2015 at 5:43 am said: .comment-author .vcard 1. Their claim is too many Mustangs. Theres Not enough to support one plant for a few months. The entire tribal population will be a few months. Then his issue would be gone. So they are really bad businessmen to think this is a strategy. 2. They state 144,000 went to slaughter but thats down from the previous 170,000 which indicates falling numbers. 3. A non profit organization is Not allowed by Federal Law to make Fraudulent claims in order to sway public opinion by using fear. If these horses were to be starved it would be the direct result of the BLM and would result in arrests and investigation into the agency. AS well law enforcement will have some interest in these horses that will be inevitably starved. By propaganda and fear mongering this email is against Citizens beliefs and attempts to pressure them into accepting

animals will die or else starve. Manipulative and disturbing. We are Not allowed to fear monger to pressure a decision including in Canada. 3. This proves the Horse organizations no longer have control and are using Fear to get their way. **Reply** ↓