



In 2003, we came together to end horse slaughter in Canada and CHDC has been a registered non-profit organization since 2009. Your donations help to make our goals possible.

DID YOU KNOW THAT HORSE SLAUGHTER IS AN ONGOING BUSINESS IN CANADA?

In 2007, the U.S. government defunded inspections of their equine slaughterhouses and this legislative move prompted the business to shift to Canada.

There are currently two federally licensed slaughterhouses operating in Canada that are permitted to slaughter horses. One is in Alberta and the other in Quebec; both are owned by the same company, Bouvry Exports Calgary.

Efforts to end horse slaughter and the live exports of draft horses to Asia for slaughter are ongoing.

Live draft horses are shipped primarily to Japan for slaughter for human consumption. These horses are crowded up to three or four large animals per wooden crate. The crates are considered to be completely inadequate for this purpose.

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) is responsible for overseeing the business of horse slaughter and has not fulfilled its role adequately.



In 2020 Canadian icon, Jann Arden, joined our fight to end the trade of the live draft horse shipments. Since then, we have seen a sharp increase in awareness and demands for the trade to end.



In 2021, 1902 draft horses were exported to Japan for slaughter.

Please contact your MP and ask that they support or consider introducing legislation that would prohibit the slaughter of horses in Canada. Also contact the Prime Minister, Right Hon. Justin Trudeau.

Find MPs and the PM at:

<http://www.ourcommons.ca/Parliamentarians/en/constituencies/FindMP>

Sign e-petitions. Send emails and letters, then follow up by phone. Remind your MP and PM that drugs which are prohibited for use during the life of any animal destined for the human food supply are routinely being administered to horses.

Also contact the Ministry of Health, and the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA), the federal agencies responsible for horse slaughter in Canada, as well as members of the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food.

Remind your MP that the live draft horse trade as well as the domestic slaughter trade are giving Canada a black eye in the international community.

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THE FACTS


- Most horses in North America are not bred for human consumption. A large percentage of horses killed in Canada are from the US where no identification system for horses exists. Canada's Equine Identification Document system is highly flawed and does not guarantee truth or accuracy.
- Horse meat products are likely to contain prohibited substances such as Phenylbutazone, Ventipulmin, and Nitrofurans.
- Drugs not permitted in horses intended for human consumption can be found here <https://bit.ly/3pBDVaJ>
- In 2021 the total value of horse meat exports was **\$28,589 million** (Source: Statistics Canada).
- In comparison, the live horse industry has been deemed to be worth **\$19 billion** (Source: Equine Canada Study, 2010).
- Horses are considered by most to be companion animals and working partners. A 2019 Nanos poll conducted by the Parliamentary Group, revealed that almost 7 out of 10 Canadians do not support horse slaughter for human consumption. <https://canadianhorsedefencecoalition.org/nanos-poll-majority-of-canadians-oppose-horse-slaughter/>
- A 2020 Research Co. poll found that: "The export of Canadian horses abroad for slaughter is rejected by 67% of respondents, and 65% of respondents think it is inappropriate to consume horses."

The slaughter of horses,
no matter how it is done,
is not and never will be
peaceful euthanasia.

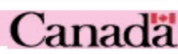
The majority of horses sent to slaughter come from auctions here in Canada and the U.S. These auctions are the gateway to slaughter. Horse dealers known as “kill buyers” frequent auctions looking for fit, healthy horses to fulfill their contracts with the slaughter plants.



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HORSE TRADE SUMMARY

Quarterly - YTD as of December 2020

CANADIAN LIVE EXPORTS

	# head			'000 \$ CDN		
	2020	2019	% chg	2020	2019	% chg
December YTD	2020	2019	% chg	2020	2019	% chg
Horses for slaughter	1,606	2,800	-42.6%	11,098	17,307	-35.9%
Others	8,122	7,975	1.8%	55,504	60,598	-8.4%
Total	9,728	10,775	-9.7%	66,602	77,905	-14.5%
Annual	2019	2018	% chg	2019	2018	% chg
Horses for slaughter	2,800	3,396	-17.6%	17,307	20,727	-16.5%
Others	7,975	7,495	6.4%	60,598	57,616	5.2%
Total	10,775	10,891	-1.1%	77,905	78,344	-0.6%

CANADIAN LIVE IMPORTS FROM U.S. (# head)

	# head			'000 \$ CDN		
	2020	2019	% chg	2020	2019	% chg
December YTD	2020	2019	% chg	2020	2019	% chg
Horses for slaughter	6,919	10,486	-34.0%	4,203	6,234	-32.6%
Others	9,489	8,836	7.4%	54,679	52,362	4.4%
Total	16,408	19,322	-15.1%	58,882	58,596	0.5%
Annual	2019	2018	% chg	2019	2018	% chg
Horses for slaughter	10,486	10,568	-0.8%	6,234	6,044	3.1%
Others	8,836	11,024	-19.8%	52,362	50,504	3.7%
Total	19,322	21,592	-10.5%	58,596	56,548	3.6%

CANADIAN MEAT EXPORTS (metric tonnes)

	2020	2019	% chg	2020	2019	% chg
December YTD	2020	2019	% chg	2020	2019	% chg
	4,405	5,310	-17.0%	42,744	53,220	-19.7%
Annual	2019	2018	% chg	2019	2018	% chg
	5,310	5,266	0.8%	53,220	49,263	8.0%

CANADIAN HORSE INVENTORY

	2016	2011	2006	2001	1996	1991
# of farms	39,164	47,454	54,169	53,925	56,707	58,509
# of horses & ponies	291,561	392,340	453,965	460,569	443,889	356,204

Source: Statistics Canada

Source: Statistics Canada - Census of Agriculture



Emaciated half-blind mare at Tofield, AB auction - Sept. 2018

No horse is safe from the slaughter pipeline. Some people will send unfit and sick horses to an auction rather than taking care of the horse themselves.



The beautiful, happy horse on the left, Backstreet Bully, was once owned by the Stronach Group and despite their best efforts, he slipped through the cracks, went to auction and was slaughtered at Les Viandes de la Petite-Nation (LPN) slaughter house in Quebec.

3 Belgian horses in a wooden crate, about to be loaded for air shipment to Japan for slaughter. Calgary Airport - Aug. 2018



Belgian and Percheron yearlings with auction tags soon to be air shipped to Japan. Summerview Feedlot, AB - Nov. 2018

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