

\$ Take The Money & Run \$ Horses as Private Property

Proponents of horse slaughter use a variety of arguments to support their opinion. Among them is the contention that a ban on horse slaughter will restrict private property rights. While there is no doubt that horses are property, why does the discarding of this property rise above the regulated disposal of other property?

Everyone owns something: cars, homes, pets, and appliances etc. Government regulations for proper disposal of these properties exist for very good reasons. Public safety, environmental protection, community standards, and animal abuse concerns make regulation necessary.

The Canadian public is becoming increasingly well-educated on the animal welfare concerns surrounding horse slaughter and expects to see some positive legislative changes.

Ownership demands responsibility, especially where living beings are involved.

Satisfaction of that responsibility often causes some nominal cost to the owner. By what reasoning should horse owners be relieved of any financial responsibilities when they no longer want their horses?

Don't forget that the horse slaughter industry not only relieves horse owners of their responsibility---it pays them to be irresponsible!!

Endorsement of horse slaughter by the Canadian government constitutes legal approval of irresponsibility and cannot be tolerated. It is no wonder that the majority of Canadians want a ban on horse slaughter.

ACCORDING TO USDA RECORDS, OVER 90% OF SLAUGHTERED AND BUTCHERED HORSES SOUTH OF THE BORDER HAVE BEEN HEALTHY AND SOUND. CLEARLY, IRRESPONSIBLE OWNERS ARE CASHING IN ON A MONEY-MAKING OPPORTUNITY CREATED BY A HORSE SLAUGHTER INDUSTRY THAT IS FAR FROM HUMANE.

TAKE THE MONEY AND RUN DOES NOT MAKE FOR GOOD PUBLIC POLICY!

Please take a few minutes to contact your Legislators and ask that they support a ban on horse slaughter in Canada. Demand that owners accept responsibility for their horses from the time they take ownership until the time comes for a truly humane death.

Nothing less should be acceptable in a civilized society.