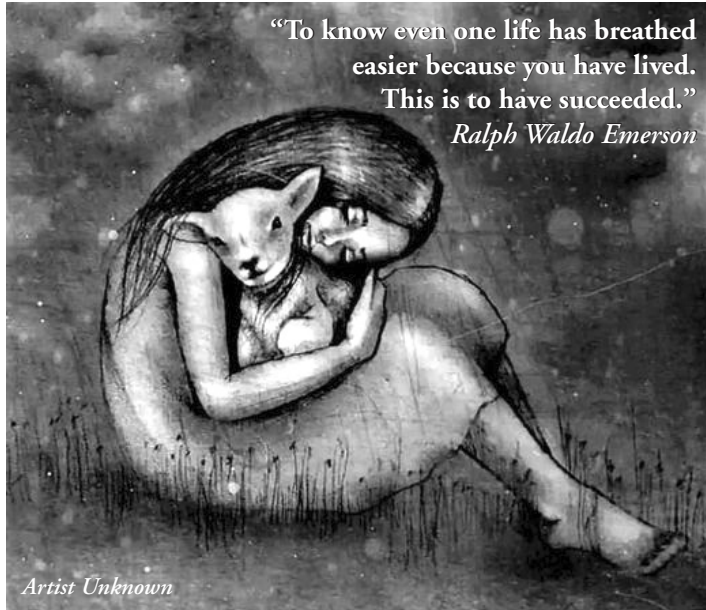




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WHAT IS WRONG WITH HORSERACING?

By Patrick Battuella
Founder/President, Horseracing Wrongs

So what, you may ask, is wrong with horseracing?

Well, there's this:

- Would-be racehorses are forever torn from their mothers and herds as mere babies. Sold, usually, at the tender age of one; broken, an industry term meaning to be made pliant and submissive; alone and terrified, their servitude begins.
- The typical horse does not reach full musculoskeletal maturity till the age of six. The typical racehorse is thrust into *intensive* training at 18 months, and raced at two – the rough equivalent of a 6-year-old child. In the necropsies, we see time and again 4-, 3-, even 2-year-old horses dying with chronic conditions like osteoarthritis and degenerative joint disease – clear evidence of the incessant pounding these pubescent bodies are forced to absorb.
- In perhaps the worst of it, racehorses are kept locked – alone – in tiny 12x12 stalls for over 23 hours a day,

- making a mockery of the industry claim that “horses are born to run,” and a cruelty all the worse for being inflicted on innately social animals like horses. Prominent equine vet Dr. Kraig Kulikowski likens this cruelty to keeping a child locked in a 4x4 closet for over 23 hours a day. Relatedly, practically all the horse's natural instincts and desires are thwarted, creating an emotional and mental suffering that is brought home with crystal clarity in the stereotypes commonly seen in confined racehorses: wind-sucking, bobbing, weaving, kicking, even self-mutilation.
- Racehorses are controlled and subjugated through, among other means, cribbing collars, nose chains, lip chains, tongue ties, eye blinders, mouth “bits” – which, says Dr. Robert Cook, an expert on equine physiology, make racehorses feel like they are *suffocating* – and, of course, whips. On that, the public flogging administered to racehorses would land a person in jail

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What does it mean to be a member?

According to our by-laws, a person is a member of **People for Animal Rights** when s/he agrees to our purposes as defined in the by-laws (as stated above) and has general agreement with **PAR's** goals as stated in our membership brochure, which is summarized in the insert to this newsletter. The second requirement for membership is that the person be up-to-date on dues. See the enclosed insert for more membership information.

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- if done to his dog in the park. But at the track, it's part of the tradition.
- By law, racehorses are *chattel* – pieces of property to be bought, sold, traded, and dumped whenever and however their people decide. In fact, the average racehorse will change hands multiple times, adding anxiety and stress to an already anxious, stressful existence (over 90% of active racehorses suffer from *chronic ulcers*).
- Then, death. Since 2014, Horseracing Wrongs has documented almost 9,000 industry kills. We estimate, however, that over 2,000 horses are dying at U.S. tracks every year – cardiac arrest, pulmonary hemorrhage, blunt-force head trauma, broken necks, severed spines, ruptured ligaments, shattered legs – over 2,000, or about *six per day*. And when not dying at the track, they're dying at the abattoir: Two independent studies indicate that most – *multiple thousands* annually – spent or simply no-longer-wanted racehorses are bled-out and butchered at "career's" end. In short, the American horseracing industry is engaged in wholesale carnage. Carnage.

With sensibilities regarding animal "entertainment" rapidly evolving – Ringling gone; SeaWorld in decline; rodeo bans in multiple cities; and most relevant, dogracing all but dead (by the end of this year, there will be but two tracks left in the entire country; dogracing is outright prohibited on *moral grounds* in 42 states) – the time has come for the cruel, murderous "Sport of Kings" to be sent to the dustbin of history. (For more information, including how to help end the massive subsidization – over \$230 million per year – of NY's horseracing industry, please visit horseracingwrongs.org.) ■

THE ULTIMATE BETRAYAL OF AMERICA'S HORSES!

by Teresa Raymond Melnick

For nearly 6,000 years, humans have asked the horse to share his strength, stamina, and speed with us. Generously, the horse has complied. From farm fields to battle fields, horse shows and T.V. shows, horses are imbedded in our culture, an integral part of our history. Intelligent and sensitive, once a horse's trust is earned, there is no better friend and partner.

How is it possible, then, that Americans can stand by and allow our intelligent, sensitive, trusting friends to be shipped over American borders to be brutally slaughtered in Mexico and Canada and served up on foreign dinner plates? This betrayal should be unthinkable, and it must be stopped.

What you need to know:

- The United States banned horse slaughter in 2007. Sadly, it did not ban the shipment of horses out of the country to be killed elsewhere. Unscrupulous "kill buyers" make their living by buying up horses as cheaply as they can from unsuspecting owners and sleazy horse auctions that have become convenient dumping grounds for irresponsible horse owners to get rid of their old, injured, or just unwanted horses (many are young and healthy).
- Last year, approximately 21,000 American wild and domestic horses were shipped over our borders to be inhumanely slaughtered. *
- It's a meat driven business. Horse meat sells by the pound, so the more horses kill buyers can purchase and cram on to overcrowded trailers, the better.

Conditions on these horse trailers are deplorable:

- Horses are not given food, water, or rest for a journey that takes many hours.
- Horses panic in overcrowded conditions. This results in kicking, biting, and thrashing around. Many horses arrive at their destination severely injured; some are dead.

The method of horse slaughter is barbaric. This is not a gentle euthanasia:

- Horses are stunned with a blow to the head, their throats cut, and their bodies hung upside down to drain the blood. Before American slaughter houses were closed, the USDA documented, in graphic detail, the suffering horses endured at the slaughter houses. (These pictures are available on-line. Warning: they are very graphic).

So what can we do?

- Call your representatives and ask them to vote yes on the Save America's Forgotten Equines (SAFE) Act (H.R.3355/S.2732). This bill has gained significant support from representatives across the country, but it will take constant pressure from the public to bring it to law. The bill is based on the fact that American horses are not fit for human consumption. We give our horses too many routine drugs: dewormers, vaccines, etc. We should not be selling horse meat for humans to eat.
- Educate people. Talk to people about this whenever you get the chance. Encourage them to act.
- Here in New York: Be sure to thank Governor Kathy Hochul for recently signing into law a ban on New York race horses being shipped over State lines for the purposes of slaughter. All race horses must be micro-chipped as well. It's a move in the right direction!

*Please go to a fantastic website called **Horses in Our Hands** (horsesinourhands.org) for all the details on this issue and up-to-the-minute alerts for when to call, write, email, your representatives about the SAFE Act. They have set up an easy way to access your representatives with a simple click of your mouse. Started by two women who are passionate about ending horse slaughter, they are a wealth of information. I thank them for their permission to use some of their statistics on horse slaughter. ■



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A QUESTION OF PERCEPTION: HOW ARE ANIMALS PERCEIVED?

by Gabor Hardy

Just recently, I bought a Nissan Leaf plus electric car. I flew to Minnesota to pick it up. Initially, they had wanted to ship it to me, but, I thought, why not pick it up myself and have fun driving back? As I was driving through the alley ways, byways, and highways of various states, my thoughts drifted to our relation with nature, and specifically; animal rights.

I was in Iowa at the time. The fields of corn were bursting with green glory. The rows stretched on for miles. Gold and green waving in the breeze. No weeds appeared to be in sight and trees were few, the rows were all symmetrical, and things got dull quick. A perfectly scrubbed landscape. I was reminded of something Kenneth Worthy, in his essay *The Death of Nature or Divorce from Nature* wrote, "The idea plays out today in industrial monocultures that turn much of North America into a vast checkerboard of mechanical farmlands where the soil is treated as a dead substrate onto which seeds, water, and chemical fertilizers and pesticides are deposited. Mechanism drives also the quest to genetically engineer crops and human genomes alike by tinkering with genomes as a watchmaker might tinker with gears and springs. It treats living, sentient animals as if they were unfeeling egg, milk, fiber, and meat production machines." (p. 42) Where or how did we get here?

As a foot note to this thought, a crop dusting airplane buzzed low spewing its vapors into the atmosphere. From a distance, it looks fun, but, I wondered was the pilot wearing a mask?

This rather lengthy quote sums it up for me. The rest of the essay is devoted to showing how the mechanistic model of nature plays out in our everyday lives. So nature is meant to be exploited, it is weak and passive. Nature and their inhabitants are here for our use, as we see fit. This world view is thrust upon us in various multi faceted ways.

The insidious rationalizations are many. I remember last year I was discussing animal pain and suffering in laboratories with another student. The individual responded by saying, "Ah, but think of the many human lives saved by our manipulation of rats, mice, monkeys etc." For him, human life always takes precedence. The right to life is somehow diminished for animals. The means justify the ends. No room to think of other ways existed for him to consider or perceive life. So what if we damage eyes and organs with no pain killers? So what if millions of animal lives are wasted, tormented and gone? We are meant to dominate over these creatures. Nothing to get worried or upset about.

This message is reinforced in multiple ways. We see images of humans interacting with dogs and cats in "cute" or "warm" ways. Pigs, cows and chickens are not given that same treatment. Nor are skunks, woodchucks or raccoons. Rats and mice – forget it. What we see are painful poisons and traps to "exterminate" mice or rats. Alternative narratives are invisible.

I remember early on in school, singing "ee ee ee ee oh", to the Old McDonald song. In that mythological farm, cows are happy to donate their milk, chickens want to lay their eggs and pigs are more than ecstatic to supply bacon. I cannot begin to count the number of barbecue places I saw with a happy pig or chicken head on display. The blood, suffering and gore is left out. However, the illusion must be maintained. No feelings may be attributed to farm animals. They exist solely for the wealth and hunger of their owners.

I was chillingly reminded of this by observing another billboard in Missouri. There was a human standing with a big grin on his face. He had shortly cropped hair, and his clothes were rather conservative. The ad read, "Good food starts with good people." There were a few cattle roaming around in the background. Here the subservience of animals to humans is highlighted. That a good person might think twice about electrocuting or cutting into a pig or cow is ignored. If a happy, "good" person butchers an animal, then, it is somehow good for us. That is where "good" food begins.

I was also astounded as to how many ads there were for meat. Fast food restaurants, supermarkets, and recipes all extolled meat over vegetables. It appeared that meat was necessary and good. Sometimes I saw an ad where a cow would point to a sign saying, "eat more chicken."

Today, I realize that education is more important than ever. The truth of animal rights need to be established from first grade on. It is a long up hill climb. I think PAR is doing so much to bring a message of kindness towards our fellow living beings. Maybe the day will arrive where not only must we rely on laws to do this, but education that begins in grade school, could sensitize our younger people to the needs and rights of animals. Traveling animal shows can do wonders into initiating children to the perception that animals have lives which they enjoy living. A world that may be shared by all, with no callous disregard for life. ■

HOT MAPLE-APPLE CAKE

by Eileen Rose

INGREDIENTS:

- ¾ cup real maple syrup
- 4 medium organic apples, cored, peeled and sliced
- 2 ½ cups sifted flour
- 1 ½ tsp baking soda
- ½ tsp salt
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- ¼ tsp each of nutmeg, cloves and allspice
- ½ cup water
- ⅓ cup melted vegan margarine
- 1 ½ tablespoon of applesauce

DIRECTIONS:

1. Cook apple sliced in maple syrup over low heat until apples are tender and cool.
2. Sift flour with salt, soda and spices.
3. Combine water and melted butter.
4. Stir in sifted ingredients and add apple mixture. Mix well and then add applesauce. Stir slightly to blend and pour in greased and floured 9" x 11" pan.
5. Bake in 375°F oven for 30 minutes.

A simple lemon sauce on top is yummy. ■



HOMEMADE VEGAN TORTILLAS

Submitted by Nancy Camorati

INGREDIENTS:

- 2 cups all purpose flour
- ¾ tsp salt
- ½ tsp baking powder
- 3 Tbsp shortening
- ¾ cup water

DIRECTIONS:

1. Mix flour, salt, and baking powder together with a fork.
2. Add shortening and continue mixing with fork until mixture resembles coarse crumbs.
3. Make a well in the center of the mixture and add the water.
4. Slowly incorporate the dry and wet ingredients until dough starts to form.
5. Place dough on a floured surface and knead for several minutes until dough is nice and smooth.
6. Cover and let rest for 30 minutes.
7. Divide dough into quarters and then each quarter into thirds for a total of 12 portions.
8. Roll out each portion into a 6-7 inch circle.
9. Cook the tortillas in a skillet over medium-high heat for about two minutes on each side or until puffed and lightly browned.
10. Remove to a plate and cover with a towel to keep warm.
11. Serve immediately. ■

Enjoy and Happy Autumn!

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UNDER ATTACK: THE PROTECTION OF EXOTIC ANIMALS

by Rob English

Photos by Charl Durand and Robert Stokoe from pexels

Have you ever seen a tiger up close and heard it growl? It can raise the hair on the back of your neck! You are probably very glad that there are bars between you and it when the big cat yawns and you see how big and deadly its fangs are. These experiences are available at many "roadside zoos" because people will pay good money to see lions and tigers growl from hunger and yawn from frustration and boredom.

In 2014, New York law made it illegal for such exhibitors to let people take pictures with big cats or to come in direct contact with them. People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) liked that. In a statement they said, "These wild cats are typically taken away from their families as babies and denied everything that is natural and important to them, all so that a succession of strangers can manhandle them for photo opportunities." (<https://www.peta.org/blog/new-york-yanks-big-cat-exhibitors-source-income/>).

PETA's statement continued: "When the animals grow too big to be held, they are caged for life in decrepit roadside zoos, shipped to canned hunting ranches to be gunned down, slaughtered for "exotic meat," or sold to be kept as neglected and dangerous "exotic pets." [Note – A "canned" hunt is one in which the hunted animal is fenced in and has no way to escape being killed – R.E.]

In the United States the US Department of Agriculture's APHIS Inspection Service licenses and oversees big cat exhibitors, and has been known to pull licenses or even remove animals if they are mistreated or neglected by licensees. That makes sense. Big cats and other exotic animals need veterinary care, including dental care, and



they need good nutrition, and enrichment within their confines. If an owner cannot or will not provide for their animals, the animals must be taken away and placed with a competent sanctuary.

However, some owners will fight to maintain the income stream that comes from exhibiting poorly maintained animals. A web page currently under construction by New York State for Exotic Animal Ownership states, "Reclaim your freedom by taking a stand against the unlawful ban and misconduct of authorities involving the ownership of exotic animals." (<http://www.nysexotics.com/>).

The page's creator claims that the USDA is in collusion with animal welfare groups to "unlawfully" and "unconstitutionally" remove animals, and wishes to enact laws further restricting the State of New York from doing its job in protecting captive exotics from situations of inappropriate or inadequate care.

Time will tell if they are successful.

Editor's Note: Rob English is a member of People for Animal Rights of CNY as well as a regular contributor to CNY Latino. And many thanks to CNY Latino for your ongoing support to publish these articles and support for the respect, kindness and compassion for humans and animals and our planet! ■

WILDLIFE REHABILITATORS: CARING FOR INJURED WILDLIFE

www.dec.ny.gov/animals/83977.html

Wildlife rehabilitators aid in the care and recuperation of injured or sick wild animals. All wildlife rehabilitators are licensed by the DEC. If you find a wild animal in need of assistance, a contact list of licensed wildlife rehabilitators is offered on their site for your convenience.

Keep in mind:

- Rehabilitators volunteer their time to provide services to wildlife.
- Not all rehabilitators may be able to accept every injured or orphaned animal.
- No state funding is available for animal caging, veterinary care, medicine or food.

Important Note on Handling Sick or Injured Wildlife:

If you discover sick or injured wildlife, please contact a rehabilitator immediately for advice on safe handling, both for your sake and for the animal. Some animals require special handling, while others may have diseases that can be transferred to people. Extra precautions should be taken around bats, raccoons or skunks as these species have a higher risk of carrying rabies, which can be transmitted to humans and pets.

If you are interested in finding a wildlife rehabilitation specialist near you, enter the search...NYS Department of Conservation-finding a wildlife rehabilitation specialist near you. This site can also provide information if you are interested in applying for this kind of license. ■



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"Compassion for animals is intimately associated with goodness of character, and it may be confidently asserted that he who is cruel to animals cannot be a good man."

Arthur Schopenhauer



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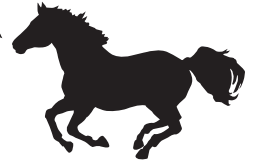
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Everything You Want To Know About Red Foxes By Elise Able (Aka The Fox Lady)

Live From 8-11-22

<https://youtu.be/c7lbd3BdIPs>

People for Animal Rights hosted a Zoom meeting in August with guest speaker Elise Able. Go to the website above to view Elise's presentation. Below is her introduction:

"Hello, my name is Elise Able and I am a wildlife rehabilitator who has worked almost exclusively with foxes since 1991. I am the president of Fox Wood Wildlife Rescue, Inc in East Concord, New York. Through the years I have studied foxes, raised orphans, captured and rehabilitated sick and injured adults. I consult with people all over the world who have questions about fox behavior or how to help injured, orphaned and ill foxes in need. This presentation will review some of the fascinating qualities of Red foxes as well as show you a few of the situations where I was able to help them out."

