



# Protecting an American Icon

We work to end horse slaughter, promote cruelty-free horsemanship, give sanctuary to abused and rescued horses and donkeys, and stop cruel practices such as soring.

- Horse slaughterhouses were set to open in Iowa, Missouri and New Mexico, but we helped block them in the courts until we got language in federal spending bills to prevent plants from opening.
- The European Commission suspended imports of horsemeat from Mexico after its investigators confirmed our allegations of food safety and animal welfare concerns. Some 87 percent of horses slaughtered in Mexico's EU-certified plants came from the United States.
- Through our Platero Project, we worked with 50 trainers to get more than 300 burros from Bureau of Land Management holding facilities into homes or sanctuaries. Pressure is mounting on the BLM to make greater use of fertility control rather than roundups to manage populations of wild burros and horses.
- The U.S. Department of Agriculture stepped up enforcement of the Horse Protection Act, and we continue to build support for greater penalties against trainers who harm horses to win gaited horse competitions.

**1,100+** 

**BREEDERS HAVE SIGNED  
OUR RESPONSIBLE HORSE BREEDER PLEDGE  
in the last two years to assist with any horse  
THEY BRED WHO BECOMES HOMELESS**