

The Unwanted Horse Issue: What Now?

Date: June 18, 2008

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Location: Jefferson Auditorium ***Please Enter at Wing 7***
South Agriculture Building
Corner of 14th Street and Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC

Audience: American Horse Council and other horse organization members; decision makers and others at USDA, the horse industries and allied industries, Congressional Staffers, *Open to the Public*

Mission: To foster and enhance balanced and enlightened public dialogue on topics related to unwanted horses.

Purpose: To use a balanced set of speakers to identify known information, areas of needed information, and possible solutions in the area of unwanted horses.

Welcome and Introduction, Jay Hickey, American Horse Council

Historical Perspective, Nat Messer, Unwanted Horse Coalition, and the American Veterinary Medical Assn.

Ethical Perspective, Camie Heleski, Michigan State University

Panel: Unwanted Horse Issues

Carcass Disposal Options, Dave L. Meeker, National Renderer's Association

Unwanted Horses: Fact or Fiction, Holly Hazard, Humane Society of the United States

Unwanted Horses: Fact or Fiction, Robert Stout, State Veterinarian, Kentucky, Invited

The Humane Methods of Slaughter Act: Are Horses Better Off Now? Doug Corey, American Association of Equine Practitioners, Invited

Panel: Transportation Issues: Knowns and Unknowns

Tim Cordes, USDA/APHIS/VS

Jennifer Woods, J. Woods Livestock Services, Alberta, Canada

Panel: Potential Solutions and Options

Lynn Cross, Manager, Little Brook Farm: An Equine Educational Center and Sanctuary

Tom Lenz, Unwanted Horse Coalition

Al Kane, USDA/APHIS/VS

Wrap Up

Robin Lohnes, American Horse Protection Association

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