

To Whom It May Concern:

On June 20, 1964, I accompanied the [REDACTED] County SPCA to investigate a suspected cruelty case in the town of [REDACTED]. The case involved six various breeds of horses on the property.

On arrival I observed two people in possession of underground fuel tanks, each tank being about 8 feet in diameter by 14 feet long. The larger tank had four iron horses in it and 2 horses collapsed; an approximately three-month old foal was about two days, and two adult horses severely damaged with skin rot and tail loss exposed.

The tanks were too heavy to move so we crawled over them to gain access to the horses. There was no feed, hay, or water available for the horses. A discarded water-soak pail with chain was in the corral. In there were no water troughs. I assume Mr. [REDACTED] intended this to be the horses water source. A tractor trailer bed was parked outside the corral. Some rotting hay was strewn on the ground next to the trailer, outside the corral, available to the horses.

In the second corral of similar construction but with a gate, there was one horse. This animal also was underweight and malnourished.

The following horses were in the two corrals:

- Appaloosa mare approximately 2 years old
- Appaloosa mare approximately 11 years old
- Appaloosa stallion approximately 11 years old
- Appaloosa stallion approximately 4 years old
- Appaloosa stallion approximately 7 years old

All were approximately 10-50% under their acceptable weights as the result of starvation and neglect.

It is important to note that in addition to lacking necessary food and water, these animals had no shade or protection from the elements.

Respectfully,  
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[REDACTED] U.S.A.