



A Sport to Die For?

As part of NYSHA's efforts to focus attention on the cruelties involved in horse racing, we are listing the 99 known horse deaths on NY tracks in 2014. Sadly, all these animals died for the sake of providing gambling and entertainment to the public. Many of the dead were young horses who should not have been running at all; others were older animals who simply could not survive the treatment they were receiving at the hands of trainers and jockeys. All of them were subjected to the needless suffering that is inherent in racing.

This following list includes on-site deaths only. What the industry refers to as "non-racing" fatalities -- colic, laminitis, "found dead in stall" -- have not been included. And, of course, this list says nothing of the "athletes" who were bled-out and butchered in foreign abattoirs after they were no longer profitable to keep. Maiming and destruction are but a part of the story. There are also the routine cruelties these animals endure: the damage done to young, underdeveloped bodies and legs from the relentless pounding of hooves on hard surfaces; the extreme confinement of naturally free-roaming animals; the painful whipping; the drugging and doping; and perhaps worst of all, turning them into commodities to be bought and sold, traded and dumped, as though they were used cars. These endless cruelties inflicted on such magnificent creatures who played a key role in building our country, transporting our people across the land, and winning our wars, need to stop and they need to stop now.

Where known, the list specifies the age, name, date of death, track and race -- of each horse who pointlessly died.

5 yr Uncle Smokey, 1/2, Aqueduct 7
8 yr Caixa Eletronica, 1/4, Belmont, training
3 yr Six Drivers, 1/4, Belmont, training
3 yr Go Canes Go, 1/13, Belmont, training
3 yr Dixie Sparkle, 1/26, Aqueduct 7
2 yr Valar Dohaeris, 1/30, Belmont, training
4 yr Flashy in Pink, 2/1, Belmont, training
3 yr Andromeda's Coming, 2/22, Aqueduct 3



Standardbred Scottie C, 2/22, Buffalo 3
Standardbred Pay Tribute, 2/26, Buffalo 7
5 yr Sound of Drums, 3/1, Aqueduct 7
2 yr Changeinaction, 3/5, Belmont, training
Standardbred Hickory Louie, 3/12, Monticello 8
4 yr Concept, 3/15, Aqueduct, training
7 yr Itsagoodtendollars, 3/15, Belmont, training
2 yr Jojonotjoelowe, 4/3, Aqueduct, training
4 yr American Iron, 4/15, Finger Lakes, training
3 yr Recovered, 4/18, Finger Lakes 3
Standardbred Southwind Tabor, 4/21, Yonkers 12
6 yr Aussi Austin, 4/25, Aqueduct 8
3 yr Handstand, 5/1, Belmont 6
9 yr Boston Chief, 5/3, Finger Lakes, training
Standardbred Liberty Cruise, 5/5, Yonkers 5
3 yr Lucky for You, 5/16, Saratoga, training
Standardbred KZ Too, 5/20, Monticello 8
3 yr See the Music, 5/21, Belmont 7
3 yr Intense Holiday, 5/25, Belmont, training
4 yr Kingston Jamaica, 5/29, Belmont, training
5 yr Kissinginthedark, 5/30, Finger Lakes 1
Unnamed Dam, 6/4, Aqueduct, training
5 yr Samuels Blond Lady, 6/5, Belmont 2 (euth. 6/8)
5 yr Lemon Sundae, 6/7, Finger Lakes 1
Standardbred Faith N Moon, 6/8, Buffalo 5

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President's Message

Personal responsibility is something I thought about frequently during the past year and as a teacher doing final assessments, it was at the forefront.

Who is accountable? Teachers, administrators, parents, students, the society we live in? All play a large role in academic success.

It is similar in NYSHA's fight for humane treatment of horses. As an organization, we are working with legislators, protesting, leafleting, writing letters, contacting the media. The racing industry cannot be allowed to continue as it exists, and hopefully, someday, not at all. It has become one of our major focuses, as seen in this and recent newsletters.

Once aware of the horrors awaiting horses in this "glamorous" sport, it is unthinkable to not be involved. As individuals, Board members are spreading the word in any way possible. Some are working with other groups on a white paper to expose the number of deaths and tragedies that occur daily at racetracks. Many of us volunteer at horse rescue facilities, or donate to them. We adopt abused equines, write letters to the editor, or post pictures in public places showing the dark underside of horse racing.

And – we talk about it at any opportunity we have. As humane individuals, we have an obligation to spread the word every way we can. We set examples by refusing to go to the track when invited, by boycotting businesses that promote it, and by not betting from remote sites, VLTs, or racinos connected to tracks.

As a society, we allow too much animal cruelty to exist. NYSHA is doing whatever it can to educate and stop it, but we each need to look at the important role we can play. Once enlightened, this becomes our personal responsibility.

As always, for the animals,

Laura-Ann Cammisa

Matching Grants

Have you checked to see if your workplace matches employee's donations to qualified organizations? If not sure, please ask your employer. You may be able to double your donation to NYSHA.

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NYSHA's Calendar

Investigating Animal Cruelty Workshops – In September, there will be a workshop in Wayne County. Please check our website – nyshumane.org – for date and more information as it becomes available.

Veg Fest – Please come visit our booth at the Veg Fest in November. An exact date has yet to be announced, but further information can be found at albanyvegan.org.

Please visit us on our Facebook Page - New York State Humane Association (NYSHA). There is also a link from our website. We hope you will "like" us.

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Protest Saratoga Race Course 2015 July 25 11 am - 2 pm

Corner of Union Ave & East Ave
(across from the main entrance)

For details, see Facebook Page:
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To visit NYSHA's Blog, go to nyshumane.org, and click on Blog in the menu bar, where you can read blog posts and arrange to receive notifications of new blog posts.

Click on Newsletters in menu bar to read current and past issues of *Humane Review*. To receive our newsletter via the mail, click on the **SUPPORT NYSHA** or **CONTACT US** tabs and request to be added to our mailing list.

The website also contains our *Investigating Animal Cruelty* manual for free use and other valuable information for law enforcement's assistance when handling animal cruelty cases.

Thanks to our wonderful webmaster, Linda Rydant, for all her work! We also thank Tom Byrne for his great work in keeping the cruelty manual up to date for us on the website.

Please **LIKE** us on **FACEBOOK**.

Legislation Passes to Provide Police Training on Animal Cruelty Laws

The Bill Now Awaits Governor's Signature to Become Law

Finally our voices have been heard!! For several years, NYSHA, along with other advocacy groups and concerned citizens, has been stressing that the New York State animal cruelty statutes are difficult to locate and not widely understood.

Police are currently mandated to enforce Article 26 of the Agriculture and Markets Law (encompassing the majority of New York's anti-cruelty laws); however, their training focuses on Penal and Criminal Procedure Laws, not provisions related to animals. In addition, many district attorneys are unfamiliar with these laws and how they should be applied. This has resulted in ineffective enforcement and prosecution in cases involving animal cruelty and abuse.

NYSHA is pleased to announce that, in June, the New York State Legislature took decisive action to address this problem. A new bill introduced by Assemblyman Bill Magee and Senator Patty Ritchie to provide training and educational materials on animal cruelty laws for police and district attorneys was passed unanimously by both houses of the Legislature. A coalition including NYSHA, the NYS Farm Bureau, The Humane Society of the United States, and representatives from law enforcement, joined together to help raise awareness and promote passage of this very critical measure.

The bill, **A7207/S5320**, will require the Agriculture and Markets Dept. to work with the Municipal Police Training Council and the Division of Criminal Justice Services to:

- develop training regarding enforcing animal cruelty laws for police,
- create materials about laws involving animals for law enforcement agencies and district attorneys, and
- provide written and electronic information regarding the cruelty statutes for police agencies, officers, and district attorneys.

NYSHA has conducted animal cruelty investigation workshops for police and humane investigators across the state for the past fifteen years. Participants have indicated that the information they learned was not only relevant to basic animal cruelty investigation, but also used to further their investigations into cases of domestic violence, child and elder neglect and abuse, animal fighting, drug trafficking, and the illegal possession of guns. This legislation will create an even greater awareness and understanding of the laws and help to improve protections for people and animals in New York State.

NYSHA commends Assemblyman Magee, Senator Ritchie, and all the members of the New York State Legislature for their action on this important issue. We now join with advocates around the state in urging Governor Andrew Cuomo to sign this legislation into law. To express your support, please contact Governor Cuomo at: [518-474-8390](tel:518-474-8390) and request that he please sign **A7207/S5320** without delay.

Cruelty Workshops in Demand!

The NYSHA workshop team traveled from one side of the state to the other this spring bringing cruelty investigation information to law enforcement attendees. We kicked off this season with an April workshop at the NYS Police Academy in Albany. There was a huge turnout of police and other law enforcement-related personnel from numerous agencies from the region and beyond. In addition to the regular NYSHA speakers, we were also fortunate to have Renee Merges Esq., recently retired from the Albany County DA's Office, who presented on "Obtaining a Search Warrant and Getting Your Case Ready for Court," and Jonathan Wood from the NYS Attorney General's Office who discussed that agency's initiative on dealing with illegal animal enterprises.

Our other major workshop took place in Steuben County in May, where the Sheriff's Department had requested the training so that police could more effectively deal with the cruelty cases in that area which were straining the capacity of the local SPCA to deal with. Again, there were also a large number of attendees from outside the area. Dr. Liz Wilcox presented the veterinarian's segment on using a macro-to-micro approach to



NYSHA's Pat Valusek and Dr. Harry Hovel with Bath Co. Sheriff David Cole, Undersheriff James Allard, and two workshop attendees.

evidence collection, and ADA Mike McCartney from the Steuben County DA's Office did a great job as always in advising attendees on making the best case possible.

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5 yr Bear's Spirit, 6/12, Aqueduct, training
2 yr Fran's Kid, 6/18, Belmont, training
Standardbred Dalglish, 6/18, Monticello
4 yr Rock and Roll Star, 6/30, Finger Lakes, training
4 yr Roses for Romney, 6/30, Belmont 8
7 yr Elsaroarin, 6/27, Finger Lakes 9
4 yr Western Grit, 6/28, Finger Lakes, training
3 yr Michonne, 7/4, Finger Lakes 9
3 yr This Guy Is Blue, 7/6, Belmont 9
4 yr Music Maid, 7/13, Belmont 2
4 yr Indomitable Woman, 7/17, Finger Lakes 5
3 yr Missy Zelliott, 7/20, Belmont, training
4 yr Lifeguard On Duty, 7/24, Saratoga, training
3 yr Double Gold, 7/25, Saratoga, training
3 yr Chichita, 7/26, Finger Lakes 1
7 yr Gimmeanotherwink, 7/28, Finger Lakes 2
3 yr Father Johns Pride, 7/28, Saratoga 7
5 yr Quorum, 7/29, Finger Lakes 6
3 yr Lavender Road, 7/30, Saratoga (prior to race 7)
2 yr Sir William Bruce, 8/2, Saratoga 5
4 yr Regretless, 8/11, Saratoga 4
2 yr Cashion, 8/16, Belmont, training
3 yr M B and Tee, 8/21, Saratoga 7
2 yr Kamarius, 8/23, Saratoga, training
2 yr Ludicrous, 8/23, Saratoga 4
3 yr Elena Strikes, 8/23, Saratoga, training
7 yr Makari, 8/23, Saratoga 1
3 yr Vanessa Halo, 8/26, Finger Lakes, training
2 yr Divine Guidance, 8/27, Saratoga 5 (euth. 8/29)
3 yr Major Battle, 9/5, Belmont, training
3 yr Gerryland, 9/7, Finger Lakes, training
3 yr Kitt's Kool Katt, 9/7, Finger Lakes, training
4 yr Ego Friendly, 9/10, Belmont, training
5 yr Mulheb, 9/10, Belmont 1
3 yr Freddie Freud, 9/13, Belmont, training
4 yr DJ's Hope, 9/13, Finger Lakes 5
2 yr Tale of the Spa, 9/13, Saratoga, training

2 yr Here in a Hurry, 10/1, Belmont, training
4 yr G W's Hammer, 10/3, Finger Lakes 5
3 yr Stenson, 10/8, Belmont 1
4 yr Endearing, 10/9, Belmont, training
3 yr Grand Arrival, 10/10, Belmont, training
2 yr Giant Hearted Lee, 10/13, Belmont 5
4 yr Zaikov, 10/23, Belmont, training
2 yr Chase This Bandit, 10/24, Belmont 10
2 yr Saint Kris (sic?), 10/25, Belmont, training
5 yr Summer Sunset, 10/31, Aqueduct 2
4 yr Jesses Giant Dunk, 10/31, Aqueduct 3
3 yr Zo Sophisticated, 11/3, Belmont, training
5 yr Antone Suavey, 11/3, Finger Lakes 2
3 yr Pete, 11/11, Finger Lakes, training
4yr Knockher Off, 11/12, Aqueduct 5
Standardbred Santa Baby, 11/16, Yonkers 9
5 yr Threetimes a Saint, 11/26, Finger Lakes 2
9 yr Cherokee Artist, 11/28, Aqueduct 6
4 yr Princes On Thelake, 12/3, Aqueduct 5
4 yr Carla Sweetrevenge, 12/3, Finger Lakes 7
3 yr Warrior's Hero, 12/4, Aqueduct 3
7 yr Quick Money, 12/5, Aqueduct 8
5 yr Half Nelson, 12/5, Aqueduct 8
5 yr Sage Valley, 12/10, Aqueduct 8
5 yr Ludo Bagman, 12/11, Aqueduct 1
2 yr Deckers, 12/15, Belmont, training
4 yr Celebrate We Will, 12/26, Aqueduct 1
5 yr Wicked Irish, 12/27, Aqueduct 2
3 yr Soldier Inthe Rain, 12/31, Belmont, training

What you can do:

1. Do not go to the race track or racino
2. Do not go to OTB
3. Read the material on the website horseracingwrongs.com
4. Make people aware of the cruelty in horse racing
5. Continue to support NYSHA's work

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NYSHA rounded out the spring season with a mini-workshop for law enforcement on investigating horse cruelty, in partnership with the Little Brook Farm in Old Chatham. NYSHA participated in this event last year, and it was such a success that Little Brook Farm wanted to make it an annual event, so

law enforcement in this rural area would know how to investigate horse cruelty complaints. The numerous state police and sheriff's deputies in attendance received training in a lecture format, as well as hands-on training with the horses on the property who had been rescued from cruelty situations.

Your Will Can Be Your Way...

Your will can be your way to continue helping animals after your lifetime. We are grateful that many of you have given NYSHA generous donations. If you also wish to remember NYSHA in your will, please ask your attorney to specify our official name and address as follows: New York State Humane Association, Inc., PO Box 3068, Kingston, NY 12402 • Federal ID Number 22-2238112