

### Why Should You Help?

If you own, ride or admire horses for your own pleasure OR you earn money from work with horses, you can easily give something back to these wonderful animals that enrich your life. We are the stewards of their care and fate and they are helpless to change how they are treated. Though *you* may handle your horses/ponies with great care and thought--sadly many do not. **Through AHDF you can make a difference in the lives of thousands. Join TODAY!**



### American Horse Defense Fund

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**Mission Statement:** The American Horse Defense Fund's mission is to facilitate the protection, preservation, and humane treatment of members of the Equine species.

The AHDF works to address inhumane treatment of horses, ponies, donkeys, mules and burros, both domesticated & wild, through education, advocacy, and litigation if necessary, in the state, federal and international arenas.

**Background:** AHDF was founded in 2000 to fill the void of a national horses-only organization that is not afraid to tackle the tough issues surrounding the inhumane and unwarranted treatment that many horses are subjected to.

**Visit our web site to learn about the humane issues involving horses.**

We use a system of **State Directors and volunteers** across the country to help be our "eyes and ears" and to do outreach. **We are the nation's premier horse protection, education & advocacy nonprofit.** We have noted authorities and practitioners on our **advisory board, including: veterinarians; doctors; noted trainers; an Emmy Award**

**winning film maker;** and people with expertise on all of the

issues: **Current Issues & Goals:**

**Horses to Slaughter:** Monitoring the enforcement of the Federal Regulations governing the treatment of horses sent to slaughter; supporting Federal legislation, state laws and ballot initiatives to ban horse slaughter

AHDF is actively working on passage of the **American Horse Slaughter Prevention Act** now being considered by Congress. There *are many alternatives* to selling horses at auctions and to slaughter. We are working with the horse community and Congress to see this bill pass—and the day when no American horse will die in fear and violence to be made into dinner for foreigners. ***Join us - urge your two US Senators and one US Representative to cosponsor this bill now.***

**Creating and updating *Alternatives to Auctions & Slaughter A Guide For Equine Owners (A Better Way)***©

**PMU Farms / Premarin®** (for **pregnant mare urine**): Educating women and doctors on the plentiful hormone replacement therapy (HRT) alternatives to Premarin®. Currently the most widely prescribed drug in America, **now implicated in a number of diseases**, its production causes mares to suffer and thousands of foals to die needlessly. **Co-founder:**

**Women's Health & Ethics Coalition organized to end PMU "farming".**

America's **Wild Horses & Burros:** Increasing free roaming preservation for the declining numbers of "America's Heritage Species" on public lands, **where they belong;** protecting those in private homes. **Founding member: American Wild Horse Preservation Campaign.**

**Soring /Tennessee Walkers:** Ending soring, **once and for all**, by amending the **1971 Horse Protection Act;** working with the USDA/Sound Horse proponents to enforce existing regulations; increase funding (**Friends of the Sound Horse-FOSH** is a member of the AHDF).

**Facilitating rescue and adoption of abused horses of all breeds:** Including the 36 equine in AHDF custody awaiting adoption after a daring rescue from a slaughter feedlot. These pregnant mares and mares with young foals were on their way to a sure death if AHDF had not stepped in. These healthy, young animals are available for adoption on the AHDF website.

#### **HOW YOU CAN HELP HORSES:**

- **Join AHDF (a nonprofit, tax exempt organization)**
- **Donate money or an item on our Wish List (truly needed)!! All donations are tax deductible !!**
- **Volunteer your time** to AHDF (we need grant writers, fundraisers; State Coordinators) Visit the AHDF website for a listing of volunteer opportunities.
- **Tell others (riders, owners, admirers, trainers and vets) about AHDF**, the issues, and where they may find information on helping horses--send us their addresses so we can send them no-obligation information
- **Write to members of Congress**, the Agencies and your state legislators (ask for details), see action alerts on the web site
- **Host an "Open House"/** AHDF fundraiser at your home or barn!
  - Ask us for **brochures** and distribute them at shows, clinics, festivals, summer camps, and meetings of clubs, trail rides, etc.
- **Shop online!** Go to [www.iGive.com](http://www.iGive.com) and select AHDF to be your charity of choice
- **Post an AHDF flyer** at your tack or feed store, vet clinic, or boarding barn (*ask about a special program for barns*)
  - Ask **clinicians, horse shows organizers, tack stores** if they would donate a portion of their proceeds (from one event or a week of sales) to AHDF
- **Give information on Premarin© alternatives** to OB/ GYNs and women
- **Request AHDF's special Bill of Sale & Alternatives to Auctions/Slaughter** designed to keep **your** horse out of trouble; see our theft prevention info on the web site.