

# HELP STOP *the* SLAUGHTER of AMERICA'S HORSES

Each year tens of thousands of horses are slaughtered in one of two foreign-owned, U.S.-based horse slaughter plants, to be served up for dinner in Europe and Asia. Young, old, healthy, sick and injured horses are hauled for more than 24 hours without food, water or rest in double-deck livestock trailers, only to face a horrific death at the hands of uncaring individuals.

*Ferdinand*, the 1986 Kentucky Derby winner and 1987 Horse of the Year, pictured here with Hall of Fame Jockey Willie Shoemaker, trainer Charles Whittingham and equine artist Christine Picavet, was recently found to have been slaughtered in Japan.



## THE TRUTH ABOUT HORSE SLAUGHTER:

- Horsemeat is considered a delicacy and not a primary source of food.
- Slaughter is not a humane alternative to veterinarian administered euthanasia.
- Slaughter claims all types of horses, including thoroughbreds, quarter horses, pet horses, workhorses and wild horses.
- A recent survey found that 72% of Texas voters (where the slaughter plants operate) are opposed to horse slaughter.\*
- Horse theft in California has dropped by 34% since the state banned horse slaughter in 1998.\*\*
- Ending horse slaughter will reduce animal suffering.
- A ban on horse slaughter will encourage more responsible horse ownership.

## SOME COMPASSIONATE ORGANIZATIONS WHO ARE OPPOSED TO THE SLAUGHTER OF HORSES

Industry organizations such as The Breeders' Cup Ltd., National Thoroughbred Racing Association, The Jockey Club, Fasig-Tipton Company, Inc., Texas Thoroughbred Association, Virginia Thoroughbred Association, Georgia Thoroughbred Association, New York Racing Association, New Jersey Racing Commission, Hanover Shoe Farm, Blue Horse Charities, Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation; and humane groups including the Standardbred Retirement Foundation, Society for Animal Protective Legislation, Doris Day Animal League, Humane Society of the US, The Fund for Animals, American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and the American Sanctuary Association. **THE LIST CONTINUES TO GROW EACH DAY.**

Please help end horse slaughter by supporting the American Horse Slaughter Prevention Act (HR 857). To learn more about the issue and what you can do to end it please visit: [www.saplonline.org](http://www.saplonline.org) and [www.ddal.org](http://www.ddal.org)



\* The survey was conducted May 4-6, 2003 by Mason-Dixon Polling & Research for Blue Horse Charities, a corporation organized by Fasig-Tipton Co., Inc., the country's oldest Thoroughbred auction house, which conducts several sales each year at Lone Star Park and the Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation, the largest equine rescue in the country.

\*\* California Bureau of Livestock Identification - June 27, 2003