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Don't Kill the Kansas Horse Racing Industry *Hearing set for SB 192*

The Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee will hear testimony for Senate Bill 192 on Thursday, March 5, 2015, at 10:30AM in Room 144-South. All horse enthusiasts are encouraged to attend in a show of support for the Kansas Equine Industry.

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The KHC website contains a full listing of events including saddle club meetings, trail work days, parades, clinics, etc.
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WE NEED YOUR HELP TO BRING HORSE RACING BACK TO KANSAS!

The bill would positively impact horse racing facilities that operate slot machines by reducing the state tax takeout from 40% to 22%. A reduction to this tax will make it feasible for a horse racing facility to operate successfully and thus generate revenue again for the state. Since the legislature inflicted a 40% tax on horse racing businesses the industry in Kansas has basically dried up because of operators' inability to profit under an oppressive tax structure.

By implementing the 22% tax rate, horse racing facilities would operate under the same taxing guidelines state-owned destination gaming facilities have followed since gambling was legalized in 2007.

"It's critical legislators hear from each of us interested in seeing horse racing thrive in Kansas," said Kurt Eck, director of the Kansas Quarter Horse Racing Association. "Passing legislation in 2015 is imperative to the survival of our industry in Kansas. We need each of you to take an active role in engaging elected officials to support Senate Bill 192."

HERE.

[Click Here](#) for Kansas barrel racing dates/events

2015 Scholarships

The Kansas Horse Council Foundation is in its 12th year of awarding educational scholarships to individuals involved in the equine industry.

Applications can be found on the Kansas Horse Council website and are due to the KHC office by April 1st each year.

Casey West elected to APHA Executive Board

We offer our sincere congratulations to Casey West of Abilene on being elected to serve on the American Paint Horse Association Executive Board.

Casey has been a valued member of the Kansas Horse Council Board of Directors since February of 2014.



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A \$375 million dollar annual business, the horse racing industry brings significant economic benefits to a state. The loss of horse racing in Kansas has resulted in detrimental loss as the absence of horse breeding, use of veterinary services, purchase of feed, trailers, tack and other associated items has been severely minimized without operational horse racing facilities.

How Can You Help Today?

- **Attend the hearing on March 5**
- **Call or email Senate Federal and State Committee Members**

When calling or emailing, you should convey message you're with the KQHRA or another affiliated group and you support SB 192. You're calling to encourage the Senator to vote for this bill as it's an obvious benefit to the Kansas economy and the horse racing industry.

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KHC welcomes new board members

At its' annual meeting on Feb. 14th the Kansas Horse Council elected four individuals to serve on its nine member Board of Directors.

We welcome: Dr. Beth Davis, Professor and Section Head, Equine Medicine and Surgery, Kansas State University College of Veterinary Medicine;

Denise Farris, Managing Member of the Farris Law Firm, L.L.C., practicing general business, commercial construction, equine/agricultural law and offering mediation and arbitration services located in Stilwell;

Kallie Emig, Kansas State University Horse Unit Manager; and

Jim Thomas, long-time KHC Trails Director and past KHC president.

Full bios will be available soon on the KHC website, www.kansashorsecouncil.com.

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Homes for Horses Ready for Adoption Meet "Kai"



Kai was one of nine horses seized in September 2014 in Coffey County, KS, due to extreme neglect. He and his mother, Lissa, were brought to Rainbow Meadows for custodial care, where they were immediately started on a rehabilitation program to counter the effects of severe malnutrition. Kai was stunted upon arrival, but quickly began to make up for lost time once provided with adequate nutrition. He grew leaps and bounds in his first months and has since run the pastures as a healthy, growing foal. The horses were signed over to Rainbow Meadows upon their previous owner's conviction of animal cruelty, allowing them to be made available to adoption. Kai is a fun little gelding, but will not be ready to begin saddle training until May 2018.

[CLICK HERE](#)

to visit the Rainbow Meadows website and learn more about Kai and other horses in need of

Show your pride and get your tag!

These beautiful equine license plates are popping up all over Kansas! They went on sale at all Kansas Dept. of Motor Vehicle offices on January 1st. Show your support horses by displaying this tag on your vehicles and trailers. You do not have to be a KHC member to own this plate.



The \$30 annual fee goes directly to the Kansas Horse Council to fulfill our mission of providing the Kansas equine industry with leadership and direction through education, promotion and public policy advocacy.

When you spot one of these tags rolling down the highway, snap a picture and send it to us at director@kansashorsecouncil.com. Be sure to include the county or state where it was spotted.

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There is a one time charge of \$50 with the original purchase of each plate. This fee is required by and paid to the State of Kansas.

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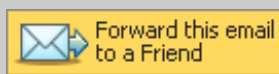
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adoption.

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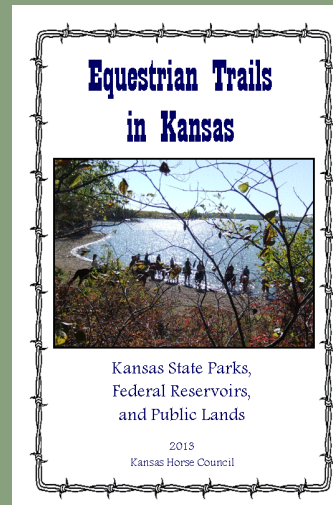
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