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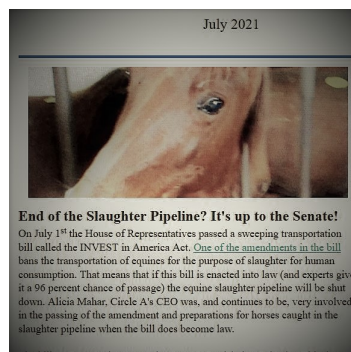
Equine Rescue, Therapy and Rehabilitation Center
Non-Profit Organization in Virginia Beach, Virginia

Newsletter

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End of the Slaughter Pipeline? It's up to the Senate!

On July 1st the House of Representatives passed a sweeping transportation bill called the INVEST in America Act. One of the amendments in the bill bans the transportation of equines for the purpose of slaughter for human consumption. That means that if this bill is enacted into law (and experts give it a 96 percent chance of passage) the equine slaughter pipeline will be shut down. Alicia Mahar, Circle A's CEO was, and continues to be, very involved in the passing of the amendment and preparations for horses caught in the slaughter pipeline when the bill does become law.

The bill, H.R. 3684, is now on the Senate's Legislative Calendar. This does

The Senate Let Us Down,
But It's Not Over!

Last week the Senate had the chance to end the horse slaughter pipeline by approving an amendment to the Infrastructure Bill. They ignored it.

But there's good news: Congressional procedures now send the bill back to the House where representatives can *add amendments* -- just like the one they added in June to protect horses.

Last June Representatives Troy Carter (D-LA), Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA), and

John Katko (R-NY) offered an amendment to change Section 80502 of title 49, U.S. Code to make it illegal to transport horses to slaughter. The amendment was approved by both Republicans and Democrats and added to the House bill. Unfortunately, the Senate failed to vote on their identical amendment and the provision went away.

Now that the bill is back in the House will Reps. Carter, Fitzpatrick, and Katko (or any other legislators) fix the Senate's failure and again offer their own amendment to protect horses from the horror of the slaughter pipeline?

Those of us who love horses and hate cruelty know what to do. Not sure who your representative is? Click here to find out.

Circle A Hosts NPD Athletic League

These lucky youngsters got a day on the ranch July 29 filled with ice treats, some pool time, and lots of horses! Everyone, including the Norfolk Police Department officers, had a good time. Circle A is dedicated to improving the lives of at-risk youth.

Sponsor Spotlight: Lady Red

Lady Red "Red" is in need, will you be the Rescue Rider Sponsor who steps up for this girl?

This sweet little mare arrived at Circle A in rough shape: underweight, skin infestation, and arthritic joints in her legs. She has made tremendous progress but not without a hefty price tag. Medicated shampoos and creams for her skin, special dietary needs, joint injections for her arthritis, chronic anti-inflammatory medications, and the list goes on …

On top of an existing $800 veterinary bill for her initial treatments, Red's monthly upkeep costs are slightly higher due to needed medication right now. With a monthly expense of $440 just for Lady Red, Circle A needs your help!

Please consider becoming a [Rescue Rider Sponsor](#) for Lady Red. Click [here](#) to sign up.

He's So Cool!

Happy Adoption Day, July 20, to AQHA-registered *A Cool Bro* and his new owner, Mike McDonald. We are so excited this gelding found his forever family with the McDonalds.

Circle A Horses Make a Difference in Young Lives

In the month of July Circle A horses touched the lives of 42 children and adolescents. That's 42 young people in a single month! Please consider a donation to Circle A's Underserved Youth Equine Alliance. Contact us here.

"All horses deserve, at least once in their life, to be loved by a little girl."

No one knows who said this, but it's so true. Happy Adoption Day to Cash and the Monigle Family. Circle A is thrilled Cash found his person and this sweet little girl found her horse. She was drawn to Cash from the moment she met him and nothing was going to deter her. Joining Cash with his training and receiving lessons at Circle A the pair have grown together. Happy Trails, Cash!

A Mighty Mini Meet & Greet
Circle A held a FUNdraiser at Back Bay's Farmhouse Brewing Co. in Virginia Beach on August 15. The event featured photo ops with Circle A's mini ambassador, Tootsie, artisan horse shoes, and a raffle.

A Very Special Adoption

After four years and a story that is shocking, surprising, heartbreaking, funny, emotional, hysterical, and heartwarming, Legend has adopted Paula. Those familiar with Circle A know long-time volunteer, Paula Whalen, and Legend are staples around the farm. Their relationship is like no other. So now it's official, the Buckskin Boo is off the market!

Experienced Barn Help Wanted

Circle A is looking for experienced farm help. MUST have horse experience. Morning and afternoon shifts available. Full or part time. Duties include feeding and turning out horses, mucking stalls and refreshing them for the next day. (Note: Feet must reach pedals to be considered!) Call 757-286-5282.

You Don't Need Your Checkbook for This Fundraiser!

Volunteer, April Partida, is collecting gently worn, used, and new shoes to raise money for Circle A. Not only do you help our rescue horses, but your shoes get a second life helping support micro-enterprise businesses in developing nations. It's a double donation! So dig through your closets, gather shoes from your friends and family, even set up a drop box where you work. Every pair counts. April's shoe drive runs through October 7. Drop off locations are the Circle A barn, 4345 Charity Neck Road, and Remax Alliance, 4701 Columbus St. #200, both in Virginia Beach.

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