



International Equine Conference

September 26, 27 & 28, 2011

Marriott Residence Inn
1456 Duke Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314-3403

Organizers:

Dr. Ann Marini, Equine Welfare Alliance and Animal Law Coalition

Special Thanks:

Humane Society of the United States [HSUS]

American Society of Prevention to Cruelty for Animals [ASPCA]

Moderators:

RT Fitch, president, Wild Horse Freedom Federation and author of Straight from the Horse's Heart

Vicki Tobin, vice president, Equine Welfare Alliance

Conference Photojournalist:

Terry Fitch, award winning chief photographer for Horseback Magazine

Monday, September 26

7:00-8:20	Registration	
8:30-9:00	John Holland President, Equine Welfare Alliance [EWA]	The historical relationship between horse slaughter, abuse and neglect
9:00-9:30	Lonita Stewart Director, Canadian Horse Defence Coalition [CHCD]	Horse Slaughter: The Canadian Perspective
9:30-10:00	Dr. Marlene Haffner Rear Admiral, USPHS (retired), Director of Orphan Products Development, FDA (retired), CEO, Haffner Associates	Eat this, Not that: FDA regulations for animals in the food chain
10:00-10:10	Break	
10:15-10:45	Valerie Azar Animal Recovery Mission [ARM]	Florida's Illegal Horse Slaughter farms
10:45-11:15	Jo Anne Normile Founder of CANTER	Thoroughbred racing: What <i>really</i> happens on the backside.
11:15-11:45	Alex Brown Alex Brown Racing and author of Greatness and Goodness, Barbaro and his Legacy	Emotions aside, horse meat from North America is not edible.
12:00-1:00	Lunch	
1:00-1:30	Elizabeth Weiner Projects Assistant, Sen. Mary Landrieu	
1:30-2:00	Jacque Schultz Senior Director, ASPCA Equine Fund, Community Initiatives	A Heritage of Caring: An Overview of the ASPCA's Present and Future Equine Efforts
2:00-2:30	Keith Dane Equine Director, Humane Society of the United States [HSUS]	The Needlessness of Horse Slaughter: Humane, Responsible Alternatives are the Solution
2:30-2:55	Break	
3:00-3:30	Marjorie Farabee Wild Burro Protection League	The Plight of the Wild Burros

Monday, September 26 (continued)

- 3:30-4:00 Ann M. Marini, Ph.D., M.D. Horses, phenylbutazone and food safety
Co-author of *Association of phenylbutazone usage with horses bought for slaughter: A public health risk*
- 6:00- Special Advance Private Film Screening for Conference Attendees:
"Saving America's Horses - A Nation Betrayed", presented by Katia Louise, Wild for Life Foundation

Horse slaughter strategy session immediately following the film screening

Moderators: RT Fitch, Gail Vacca and Vicki Tobin

Tuesday, September 27

8:00-8:45	Registration	
9:00-9:30	Congressman Jim Moran Virginia	
9:30-10:00	Valerie Stanley Adjunct Professor of Animal Law, University of Maryland School of Law	Replacing Federal Mismanagement of Wild Horses and Burros with Enlightened Stewardship
10:00-10:30	Katie Fite Biodiversity Director , Western Watersheds Project	BLM's management of livestock grazing, energy development and other uses of public lands and as that affects wild horses and burros
10:30-10:45	Break	
10:45-11:15	Nancy Perry Sr. V.P. of Government Relations for ASPCA	It's Always Darkest Before Dawn: The Fight to Ban Horse Slaughter
11:15-11:45	Senator Dave Wanzon Montana [State]	
11:45-12:15	Karen McCalpin Director, Corolla Wild Horse Fund, Inc.	Mustangs on the Beach
12:15-1:15	Lunch	
1:15-1:45	Congressman Ed Whitfield Kentucky	Legislative Update
1:45-2:15	Susan Wagner President & Founder of Equine Advocates	Post-horse slaughter nation - How we will deal with it and how it will benefit the horse industry which will be better and much healthier.
2:15-2:45	Sonja Meadows Executive Director, Animals' Angels USA	The Link Between Horse Slaughter and Cruelty
2:45-3:00	Break	
3:00-3:30	Elliot M. Katz, DVM Founder and President Emeritus In Defense of Animals	They Deserve so Very Much More Be a Guardian, Not an Owner

Tuesday, September 27 (continued)

3:30-4:00	Paula Bacon Former Mayor, Kaufman, Texas	When Horse Slaughter Comes to Town
4:00-4:30	Suzanne Roy American Wild Horse Preservation Campaign	Working Smarter and Together for Wild Horses and Burros
4:30-5:00	John Holland President, Equine Welfare Alliance [EWA]	Summary & Analysis of the GAO Report
5:15-	Cash Bar and Banquet (Banquet starts at 6p)	

Wild Horse and Burro strategy session immediately following the banquet.

Moderators: RT Fitch, Rob Pliskin and Vicki Tobin

Wednesday, September 28

7:00-7:45	Registration	
8:00-8:30	Jayne Rosandich Legislative Assistant to Congressman Dan Burton	
8:30-8:40	Joan Guilfoyle Chief of the BLM Wild Horse & Burro Division	Introduction
8:40-9:10	Ginger Kathrens Volunteer Director, The Cloud Foundation	The Movement to Preserve Wild Horses and Burros on Public Lands
9:10-9:40	Craig Downer Wildlife Ecologist	Evolution, Ecology and Survival Crises of Wild Horses and Burros as New Waves Break Forth upon the Sea of Life
9:40-10:10	Karen Sussman International Society for the Protection of Mustangs and Burros	History of Wild Horses and Burros in our country and Understanding social structures within wild horse herds
10:10-10:25	Break	
10:30-11:00	Dr. Dan Rubenstein Professor of Zoology. Professor of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology. Director, Program in African Studies. Chair, Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, Princeton University	Population Control of Wild Horses: Pros and Cons of Adoption and Immunocontraception
11:00-11:30	Madeleine Pickens Saving America's Mustangs	Solutions to the Wild Horse Issue
11:30-12:30	Lunch	
12:30-2:00	James Anaquod Kleinert private film screening: <i>Wild Horses and Renegades</i>	
2:00-2:30	Caroline Betts, Ph.D., M.A., B.A. University of Southern California	Demystifying the GAO's Report of Unintended Consequences From Cessation of Domestic Slaughter
2:30-3:00	Dr. Bruce Nock, Ph.D. Departments of Psychiatry, Anatomy and Neurobiology at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, Missouri	The Stress of Captivity

Wednesday, September 28 (continued)

3:00-3:30	Jay Kirkpatrick, Ph.D. Director, The Science and Conservation Center, ZooMontana	Wild Horse Fertility Control: Compared to What
3:30-3:45	Break	
3:45-4:15	Stephanie Boyles, M.S. Wildlife Scientist, Wildlife and Habitat Protection, HSUS	The HSUS and Our Vision for Wild Horse Management in the U.S
4:15-4:45	Kara Laney Study Director, National Academy of Sciences	Reviewing the State of the Science Related to BLM's Wild Horse and Burro Management Program
5:00	Closing Remarks	
