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**SAGA ON HORSE SLAUGHTER CONTINUES**

A lawsuit by horse advocates to stop the opening of horse slaughter plants in the U.S. was dismissed by a federal judge on Friday. This dismissal could permit the slaughtering of horses once again in this country. The last horse slaughterhouses closed in 2007 but last week's ruling appears to open the door to this cruel activity. A plant in Gallatin, Missouri stated that they were preparing to start slaughtering horses as soon as this week.

While the operator of the proposed slaughter plant in Gallatin was hoping to start up operations this week, **the Missouri Department of Natural Resources has not granted the company a permit to process horse meat. In addition, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has stated that inspectors for the horse slaughter plants would not be provided until all appeals of the dismissal have been decided.** The USDA indicated that it could be months before plants would be able to slaughter horses. We are hoping that the Gallatin plant will abide by both USDA and Missouri Department of Natural Resources decisions.

As mentioned in our recent Newsletter (Fall, 2013), the ultimate solution to this issue is the complete prohibition of horse slaughter in the United States and the prohibition of the export of horses to slaughterhouses in Mexico and Canada. Fortunately, the Safeguard American Food Exports (SAFE) Act, would accomplish both.

**Please take a moment to write, email, or call Senator Claire McCaskill and ask her to vote to support the SAFE Act and to vote to deny future funding for inspections of horse slaughter plants so that horse slaughter will be effectively prohibited.**

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